

DERBY – GREAT PLACE, GREAT BASE

Derby Festé returns with a bang (crash and wallop)

Firmly established as one of the top events of its kind in the UK, as well as one of the biggest in the Midlands, the 9th annual Derby Festé will this year take place over the weekend of September 25th and 26th.

First staged in 2007 as a way of helping to showcase the changes to the city brought about by more than £2-billion worth of regeneration, Derby Festé now transforms the whole of the city centre into a world-class festival site with performances for the whole family to enjoy.

This year's event kicks-off on the evening of Friday, September 25th with the Grand Tour installation - *The Enlightenment Comes Alive* - projected onto the Silk Mill. This will be followed by a haunting *Soul of Fado* performance by Nuno Silva on Cathedral Green, before giant beasts from prehistoric times (Close Act's *Saurus*) lead the crowds to the Market Place for a traditional Céilidh.

On Saturday, the streets will come to life from midday featuring entertainers for the whole family, including live music, circus performances, dance, and super heroes.

The headline act for this year is Les Commandos Percu, who will be starring in *Danbor Talka (Drums Collide)*, a new high-energy drummer and firework show created in collaboration with Deabru Beltzak and guaranteed to make Saturday night go off with a crash, bang and wallop. Marching towards each other, with their drumsticks twirling, the two groups will size each other up for a spectacular confrontation of rhythm and light.

The performance of *Danbor Talka* will be priced at £7 (advance), with family tickets available from £20 for four. All other events and performances at Derby Festé are free.

Derby Festé 2015 is produced and presented by Déda, Derby LIVE, Derby Theatre and QUAD in association with the Without Walls Associate Touring Network. Full details can be found at www.derbyfeste.com.

Anyone wanting to spend a day or two in the city at the time of Derby Festé, meanwhile, might also be interested in the way in which VisitDerby has teamed-up with a couple of its city centre hotels to offer accommodation from as little as £20.15 per person, per night. Further information can be found at <http://www.visitderby.co.uk/whats-on/2015-hotel-offers/>.

All other tourist information about Derby can be found at <http://www.visitderby.co.uk>.

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