



Derby Festé 2014 headline and main acts announced

The organisers of **Derby Festé 2014** are delighted to announce the headline and main acts who will perform and entertain thousands of people at Derby's ultimate street festival on **Fri 26 and Sat 27 September**.

Derby Festé 2014, the city's popular post-summer annual extravaganza, which showcases breath-taking outdoor acts and performances by companies from across the UK and abroad, promises to be the usual visual feast, on a spectacular scale, once again this year.

On Saturday evening, the headline act will be **Voalá's** stunning *Muaré*, a mesmerising cocktail of live rock and aerial acrobatics by this sensational Spanish visual arts and dance company. **Voalá's** original and sophisticated choreographic sequences in the air is their international brand. *Muaré* will entertain and amaze audiences of all ages and will generate intense emotions through images and powerful, original live music.

Before *Muaré* on the Saturday evening, the city streets will start to buzz and come to life from 12pm with entertainers for the whole family including live music, circus performers and headphone dancing, and much more.

This will be followed in the market place for **DJ Woody's** brilliant *Hip Hop is 40*, an audio video history of the culture which grew from the original block parties to become a global phenomenon.

Kicking off Festé on the Friday night will be the fantastic *Spark!* by **Worldbeaters Music**. Combining high-impact drumming, dynamic choreography and beautiful lights, this show builds in intensity as seven characters move through and interact with the crowd, culminating in a huge climax of light, sound, smoke and movement.

They will lead you to the Market place for a dynamic retelling of *Faust* by **Bad Taste Company**. Featuring a unique fusion of world-class breaking combined with Lindy Hop, Charleston, and Swinging Big Band music of the roaring 20's, this retelling of Goethe's tragic tale taps into the spirit of gangsters, bootleggers, gamblers, flappers, and hepcats. Friday will culminate into a fantastic DJ set from **Da Sunlounge** on the Market Place.

Stephen Munn, Director of Déda and Artistic Lead for Derby Festé said: "Voalá's show is the perfect complement to the Festé 2014 programme. We always want to present something out-of-this-world and the exciting mixture of live rock music, breath-taking aerial acrobatics and lighting will provide an unforgettable experience for the audience."

The performance of *Muaré* on Saturday will be priced at £5 (in advance), with family tickets (4 people) available at £15. Visit www.derbyfeste.com for more information.

More Derby Festé 2014 programme details to be announced soon.

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Notes to editors: Derby Festé was founded in 2007 to mark the opening of Westfield, Derby. This was followed in September 2008 by a second Festé event to mark the launch of the Cultural Olympiad in the East Midlands and the opening of QUAD. In 2009, Derby Festé became a stand-alone festival for the East Midlands and since the first event, has had the ambition of developing into an annual event with funding from various public and private sector organisations.

In order to safeguard the future of Derby Festé, some performances taking place during the Festé weekend will be priced and ticketed (more specific details to follow). All other events and performances will be free. See www.derbyfeste.com for more details as this year's line-up is finalised.

Derby Festé is produced and presented by Derby LIVE, Déda, QUAD and Derby Theatre in association with the Without Walls Associate Touring Network. It is funded by Arts Council England and Derby City Council, with support from St Peters Quarter, Cathedral Quarter and Intu Derby (formerly Westfield Derby).