

PRESS RELEASE

The sound of music set to fill Northampton town centre this June

18th May 2017: The sound of music will be filling the streets of Northampton town centre in June, thanks again to support from Northampton town centre Business Improvement District (BID).

The BID is delighted to be lead sponsor for the Northampton Music Festival 2017, which will be back for its tenth year on Sunday 18th June and will include five stages offering everything from jazz and rock to pop and classical.

The one-day event, organised by Northampton Music 365, is set to attract tens of thousands of visitors into the town centre.

Richard Clinton, BID Director and Operations Director for Northampton Theatres Trust, Royal and Derngate said: "It is a fantastic, vibrant occasion which last year pulled an unprecedented 13,000 visitors into the town centre to celebrate the local music scene. The Northampton Music Festival is definitely one of the most significant events on the local calendar and supports the BID's commitment to help promote and improve Northampton's town centre."

The stages

The festival will start at 12noon and the opening act on the main stage, in the Market Square, will be the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) Rock School. Other highlights on this stage are set to include the Royal and Derngate Community Choir and the Emily Faye Band, a local country singer.

The festival's classical stage will be on the steps of All Saints Church, with the line-up set to include the Northampton Male Voice Choir and students from the Northampton School for Boys, NMPAT as well as The Northampton Gilbert and Sullivan Group.

The Y-Factor stage will be on Abington Street outside the Grosvenor Centre entrance and will host an array of local youth talent.

There will be a Jazz Stage in the Guildhall Courtyard and the Umbrella Stage will be in the NN Contemporary Arts Courtyard, which you can access via the gallery on Guildhall Road. This Umbrella Stage will be home to alternative music.

Graham Roberts, Festival Organiser said: "The Northampton Music Festival really does raise the profile of the town and showcase the broad range of musical talent we have, and we are delighted to have the BID's backing yet again to make sure this year's event is the best one yet."

For the full line-up go to: www.northamptonmusicfestival.co.uk.