



KEEP THE SUMMER VIBES GOING WITH PICNIC AT THE CASTLE THIS SEPTEMBER

- *Enjoy an outdoor live festival experience like no other at Warwick Castle*
 - *Covid-compliant music and comedy festival with a twist of yoga*



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8 September, 2020: Make up for lost time at outdoor events this summer with a fantastic new lifestyle festival at Warwick Castle, from September 17th to October 4th. Catch comedy and live music shows as part of the brand new 'Picnic at the Castle', held in partnership with creative events specialists Midsummer Nightcap. This imaginative festival offers top tunes, big laughs and delicious locally-sourced picnic hampers (including a medieval-style hog roast to suit the surroundings, all enjoyed from Covid-compliant pergolas.

Groups of up to six can book their own pergola, while couples can sit out under a personal parasol located in the beautiful Castle grounds. Choose between a tasty meat or vegetarian graze box option during the day and enjoy a hog roast picnic during the evening (vegetarian alternatives are available). Each hamper is full of locally sourced, high-quality food, perfect for sharing.

Festival Sessions include:

Yoga Session: 8:00-10am - find balance and reconnect with nature within the stunning grounds of Warwick Castle, followed by a delicious healthy breakfast – Namaste!

Graze session: 12:15-2:15pm - sit back and enjoy two musical performances sampling a tasty graze box and sipping on scrumptious cocktails.

Gorge session: 3:15- 5:15pm – similar to the ‘Graze’ session above, get together to listen to two musicians whilst enjoying tasty treats and tipples in the grounds of Warwick Castle

Banquet session: 7-10pm - on Thursday and Sunday evenings enjoy stand up comedy shows, with Friday and Saturdays boasting headline music acts. Munch on a delicious ‘hog roast’ and make use of the caravan bar, for an evening spent either crying with laughter or dancing the night away!

“This really is a socially-distanced outdoor experience like no other, it’s the perfect way to reconnect with loved ones and enjoy live entertainment in one of the most beautiful locations anywhere in the country,” said Francesca Nally, Managing Director, Midsummer Nightcap.

Nick Blofeld, Divisional Director of Warwick Castle said: *“We’re delighted to have ‘Picnic at the Castle’ with us this September. We love seeing our guests enjoy themselves at the many different events we host at the Castle every year. Picnic at the Castle has all the ingredients for a fantastic, and safe, experience. It’s going to be great fun and genuinely distinctive with live music, comedy and a luxurious picnic all served up in a beautiful setting alongside the river and the Castle as a backdrop.”*

Confirmed acts include:

Headline Musical performances confirmed so far include **Roy Stride** - lead singer from **Scouting For Girls**. **Lucy Spraggan** (X Factor contestant 2012) and **Ferris & Sylvester** - 2020 winner of ‘Emerging Artist Award’ at the UK Americana Awards.

Musical performance commitments have already been received from **Rory Evans, Krissy Matthews, Damien Wilson, Anna Neale, Jessica Lee Morgan, Soulstar** and **TR5’s**.

Headline comedians confirmed so far include **Phil Wang** (Netflix, Live At The Apollo), **Flo & Joan** (Amazon Prime, Live At The Apollo) and **Sindhu Vee** (Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You)

Drinks caravan bar ‘Maggie’ will also be on-site providing a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, with a variety of special occasions’ packages available.

Picnic at the Castle is only available via pre-booking online. All bookings include access to the Castle, car parking, live entertainment, dedicated gazebos and picnic (hog roast) hampers.

For a night of live music or comedy at the Castle, book now at: www.warwick-castle.com/explore/events/picnic-at-the-castle.

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Note **to** **editors**

*There is an opportunity to note any dietary restrictions which the provider will cater for.

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Warwick Castle

Tickets for full day entry are priced from £20 for adults and £17 for children, and must be pre-booked online at www.warwick-castle.com.

Further information on what the Castle is doing to keep visitors safe is available here <https://www.warwick-castle.com/about/reopening/>

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only 86 minutes. The Castle, set in 64 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick.

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