

# CRYSTAL PALACE FESTIVAL

For immediate release

## **Crystal Palace Festival returns in 2018 with headliners Stereo MC's and Polarbear**

After a spectacular event in June 2017, the Crystal Palace Festival returns this summer to thrill Londoners again with one of the biggest FREE cultural events in south London. The arts and culture festival has been lauded for its excellence in programming and its friendly atmosphere and organisers are stepping things up even more for 2018!

Festival events will take place across the Crystal Palace area from 11–17 June 2018 with the free Crystal Palace park event taking place on 16 June 2018. This Grade II listed heritage park has been the scene of many a free concert, and the bowl has a long history of legendary gigs from the very beginning in 1967 when Pink Floyd performed all the way up to the famous Bob Marley concert in 1980 and 1990 with The Cure and Pixies.

With 28,500 visitors to the 2017 event in the park, organisers are expecting even bigger crowds on 16 June 2018 as they return with a fantastic line up of music, spoken word, theatre, visual arts, family and community activities and of course amazing food and drink.

Festival director Noreen Meehan said *“We are passionate about bringing music and the arts back to Crystal Palace Park so we are really excited about securing such great headliners, Stereo MC's and Polarbear. The whole park programme will be announced in early April and more festival events in the coming weeks.*

*2017 was an amazing year for us with the line up and the move to Crystal Palace Park proving so popular. We are looking to build on that success so we have been working on hard on creating some new content for our lovely audience to enjoy.*

*For example the Village Green will feature all that's amazing about our very active community with fantastic choirs and bands from the Crystal Palace area, dance*

*workshops, our Think Pawsitive Dog Show and much more from our great community groups. There will be tons more to see and do so stay tuned and put it in your diary now!"*

The week long festival includes mainly free events organised by local traders, pubs, community groups, schools and churches across 11–17 June 2018. The organisers also bring the festival to places and people it might not reach with their outreach and participatory arts projects.

The festival's outreach and participatory arts work has been made possible by funding from Arts Council England, Croydon Council and Bromley Council. Projects include an intergenerational dance piece that will culminate in a promenade performance in the park, and concerts by the London Mozart Players in local care homes, the park children's farm and Crystal Palace railway station.

So you don't miss a thing at this exciting and innovative festival, sign up for programme updates now at the website **[crystalpalacefestival.org](http://crystalpalacefestival.org)**.

### **About the Crystal Palace Festival**

*"Crystal Palace Festival is a wondrous jewel in the heart of south London. Uber cool, community driven and family friendly. Urban festivals don't get any better than this"*

**Ross Godfrey - Morcheeba, 2017 headliners**

The Crystal Palace Festival was launched in 2006 and has gone from strength to strength with over 28,500 people attending the Crystal Palace Park event on 17 June 2017 and thousands more across the community events programme in 2017.

The festival is organised by the Crystal Palace Festival Group CIC, a not for profit social enterprise, created by local residents. Its mission is to bring people together and have fun while producing high quality arts, heritage and culture events in an area of south London that is a recognised cold spot for the arts.

It firmly believes in the power of creativity and wants to improve and enhance the life of the local community through involvement in arts, heritage and culture.

The festival is hugely supported and made possible by a dedicated band of volunteers who donate their time and energy to the event and the support of many local businesses and other funders such as Arts Council England and sponsors.

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. It supports activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections.

[www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

Sponsors, funders and supporters of Crystal Palace Festival 2018 so far are:

Arts Council England – London Overground – Croydon Council – Bromley Council  
Big Lottery – Clarion Futures – Bromley Community Fund – Martin & Co. Crystal Palace  
Amphlett Lissimore – GLL – Crystal Palace Physio Group – Bambino – The Sparrowhawk  
Papagaio – Sefgrove Chemist – Acorn Group – Rooks Books – James Ware Stephenson  
Bamboo Fitness – Four Boroughs – The White Hart – D'Solo – Domali Bar & Kitchen.

Find out more

<https://crystalpalacefestival.org>

Find on Facebook: Crystal Palace Festival

Follow on Twitter: @CPFestivalUK

Follow on Instagram: @crystalpalacefestival