

**REPORT TO: ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE 21 AUGUST 2000
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

REPORT ON: Music Plus at the Dundee Flower and Food Festival

**REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage
Director of Leisure and Parks**

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise members of the co-ordinated provision between Arts and Heritage and Leisure and Parks for the Dundee Flower and Food Festival Friday 1 September to Sunday 3 September 2000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee note the report and liaison between Departments sharing expertise to provide a fuller service to the community.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of the music programme is £9,500. Atlantic Telecom are providing £5,000 of sponsorship and the Council's Millennium Fund is contributing £1,500. The balance of £3,000 will be met from the Leisure & Park Department's 2000/01 Revenue Budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This initiative helps to ensure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This initiative offers a full range of activities for all ages and abilities and this programme aims to enhance the cultural influences reflected in the festival.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The programme aims to enliven the festival both on the main stage and in the showground with a combination of music and walkabout theatre, attracting new audiences. The aim is to appeal to music lovers through the programme and bring them to the potentially new flower and food festival experience, and broaden the experience for the festival audience by offering them the livelier music and events programme.

6.2 The Festival has created the great opportunity for a local band to perform as part of the programme giving them the platform for their own original music. Demo tapes are to be handed in to the Atlantic Telecom Shop on Reform Street and one band will be selected for the performance slot on Sunday 3 September.

6.3 Using influences and talent from local and national organisations the programme highlights Dundee, Scottish, Asian, African, South American, Traditional and Contemporary music.

On Friday 1st between 12.30 and 6.30 pm there will be the opportunity to see **Fon a Bhord** a traditional 3 piece folk band, Dundee's very own **St Andrew** performing songs from his new album, **the Wrigley Sisters** internationally acclaimed fiddle and guitar duo, and **the Cutting Edge** ceilidh dance music with a latin groove.

Saturday 2nd between 10.30 and 5.30 presents **Loadsawimminsing** with their acapella songs from around the world, **Boogalusa's** funky bluegrass and cajun, **Mugenkyo** Japanese Taiko drumming, **The Fintry Pipe Band**, and **the Four Brothers** Zimbabwe guitar based dance music.

Sunday 3rd between 10.30 and 5.30 brings the competition band winner on the stage to perform live, then the **Hazey Janes** Dundee pop band, **Mystery Juice** with funky folk festival favourites, **Elles Belles**, and the **Funky Junky's** lively 8 piece young brassy funk jazz.

- 6.4 **Bread and Butter Theatre** bring their own inimitable style to the showground with very immediate walkabout theatre that just happens where the crowds are and engages them on very accessible themes such as talk/quiz shows but with a difference!
They are also creating 3 new characters, such as Peat Moss, prize winning gardener who may be encountered around the showground on the Friday and Saturday, whilst on the Sunday, **Retro TV** includes a look into the future with the TV Chef who poses the question 'who wants to be a millionaires shortbread?'

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____

Director of Leisure and Parks _____ Date _____