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Spectacular soloists announced for Leeds Castle Summer Concert

The Leeds Castle Classical Summer Concert takes place on Saturday 13th July 2019 and this year will be a unique celebration of Leeds Castle's remarkable 900-year milestone. The organisers are delighted to announce that two sensational female performers, Alwyn Mellor and Louise Dearman, will be taking to the stage ensuring this spectacular event will be another one to remember.

International Conductor and host for the evening John Rigby said:

"I'm thrilled that we have the sensational West End star, Louise Dearman returning to Leeds Castle this summer after such a fabulous debut last year! And Alwyn Mellor is one of the most exciting and dramatic singers around today and has literally performed all over the world - it's a real honour to have her join us for the 900th anniversary of the castle. This is surely going to be a fitting celebration of the highest musical calibre!"

Alwyn Mellor is one of the UK's leading sopranos and currently in great demand flying between appearances in Germany, the UK and Vienna. Born in Lancashire Alwyn studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and made her debut with Welsh National Opera. Principal roles include the Royal Opera London, Opera North, Welsh National Opera, the Paris Opera, Seattle Opera, Washington National Opera and has appeared in concert with various orchestras. Forthcoming concert engagements include performances with the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the Orchestra of the Music Makers, Singapore.



Alwyn Mellor

Alwyn commented: *"I am greatly looking forward to singing at the wonderful setting of Leeds Castle. People often think of me as a singer of Wagner but I've always loved music of many styles and look forward to showing a different side of my musical self on what I am sure will be a memorable evening for audience and performers alike."*



Louise Dearman

The event will also be welcoming back; **Louise Dearman**, who received a rapturous welcome when she made her debut performance last year. She is a charismatic singer that connects with the audience making everyone feel part of the performance.

Louise is best known through her many performances in London's West End, UK National Tours and international concert arenas. Her most popular theatre recognition is that of playing the roles of Glinda and Elphaba in the West End production of Wicked. Notably, she is the only actress to have played both starring roles in any production of Wicked full time.

Louise said: *"I'm very much looking forward to appearing again at Leeds Castle which is such a beautiful venue and always a very responsive audience."*

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with Conductor and Artistic Director John Rigby, will once again be appearing and John will be compering for a second year. This is a spectacular summer event unique to Leeds Castle, with its diverse classical orchestral popular programme, solo pieces with the visual spectacle of field guns, superb fireworks and iconic aircraft displays. The event has a party atmosphere throughout the summer's afternoon and evening.

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Alwyn Mellor

Website: <http://jamesblackmanagement.com/artists/category/sopranos/alwyn-mellor>

Her many roles have included; Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte*, Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Countess Almaviva in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Mimi in *La bohème*, Minnie in *The Girl of the Golden West*, the title role in *Tosca*, Chrysothemis in *Elektra*, Tatyana in *Eugene Onegin*, Alice Ford in *Falstaff*, Senta in *The Flying Dutchman* and Sieglinde in *Die Walküre*. Engagements in North America have taken her to the Canadian Opera Company, the Florentine Opera Company, Santa FGardner, Vladimir Jurowski, Sir Simon Rattle and Markus Stenz.

Louise Dearman

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