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Leeds Castle Classical Concert shortlisted for NOEA award

The shortlist has just been announced for The National Outdoor Events Association (NOEA) Awards 2019 and we are thrilled that the Leeds Castle Classical Concert has been shortlisted for the Large Festival of the Year Award.

The first concert took place in 1978 and has grown to be the highlight of the Kent social party calendar. People in their thousands have attended the stunning setting of Leeds Castle across the last forty-one years to be entertained by this amazing open-air musical delight offering a mix of much-loved classical favourites along with exclusive performances of popular favourites.

The Leeds Castle Classical Concert is organised by Heritage Events who are over the moon that this prestigious event has been recognised by NOEA.

Fiona Pollard, Director of Heritage Events said:

"Heritage Events and Leeds Castle are delighted to have been short listed for this prestigious award, particularly on the 900th anniversary of Leeds Castle and with the composition of a special classical piece from Tom Hodge to commemorate it".

The winners will be announced at the 16th annual Convention and Awards Dinner being held at then Roman Baths and Pump Rooms, Bath on 27 November.



Susan Tanner, NOEA's chief executive, said:

"This year again saw an increase in entries, and the quality of the submissions was also very high. Because of this we had a longer finalist list, and it's been a real challenge for our judges to decide on the three or four shortlisted in each category."

Below are some positive reviews the event received following this year's event: -

Rikki McMachan

"We've been going for many years and this year was one of the best. The classical singers were absolutely outstanding and loved the new piece of music that was written for the castles 900th birthday, beautiful. The event should be visited by everyone at least once just to experience the atmosphere. Can't wait for next year. Congratulations"

Ruth Cousins

"Absolutely fantastic time... every year we say it gets better, but this year was just amazing... can't wait to come back again. Loved The Royal Marines Band and every part of it, and what an amazing ending! Well done!"

Shelagh Oates

"A great afternoon and evening, with a mixture of rousing music, emotional reminders on the big screens of the D-Day landing in Normandy, and spectacular fireworks to round off the event... not forgetting the dancing finale!! Thank you!"

This year's sponsor was Brachers, a leading law firm in Kent, who returned as headline sponsor of the event, for the third year running

Next year's event takes place on Saturday 11th July 2020. Visit LeedsCastleConcert.co.uk or call 0845 652 6262 for tickets and more information.

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EDITORS NOTES

The National Outdoor Events Association (NOEA)

NOEA is the UK's leading outdoor events trade association and is dedicated to enhancing professionalism in the outdoor events industry through education, networking, lobbying, advice and creating business opportunities. The 16th annual Convention and Awards Dinner will be held in Roman Baths and Pump Rooms, Bath on 27 November and will see the industry gain recognition from the awards.

Website: noea.org.uk/

2019 event

This year's event held on Saturday 13th July included the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines joining the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the first official performance of the "A Tribute to Leeds Castle" a piece composed especially for the event in celebration of Leeds Castle's remarkable 900th anniversary. The second half began with a wonderful sight as a 1940s Spitfire took to the skies and concluded in a spectacular fireworks display.

[Click here](#) for pictures, or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gen9pmfx2xkkt5k/AAaagk3Lrjio0f64i2rqa9Pa?dl=0> (More pictures and video can be supplied upon request)

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2020 event

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Dates: Saturday 11th July 2020

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Programme

Link to 2019 event programme: <https://joom.ag/hlae>

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