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Down for the Count to open this year's Leeds Castle Concert with a swing

Down for the Count Swing Orchestra will be bringing their electrifying show full of incredible energy and musicianship to the Leeds Castle Concert on Saturday 4th September.

Every year the Leeds Castle Concert grows both in popularity and in the diversity of its musical programme and this year is no exception. Down for the Count will be recreating music from the Swing era to warm up the audience making the start of the concert incredibly uplifting and setting the scene for much more to come.

Mike Paul-Smith, Band Manager at Down for the Count said:

"We are delighted to be performing at the Leeds Castle Concert - our 12-piece swing band, featuring 3 fantastic vocalists, will be kicking off proceedings with a show of great swing and jazz music, featuring songs made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole and many more.

It's going to be such a joy performing music in front of a live audience again – something we've really missed. We're also thrilled to be opening for The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and can't wait to watch their show after our set."



Returning to the stage are The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with Conductor and Artistic Director John Rigby who said:

"I can't wait to be back in the magnificent setting of Leeds Castle for what promises to be a thrilling evening of musical entertainment. After being away for so long it is wonderful to be returning with a programme that not only includes all the favourite items that have become so integral to this concert (Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, 1812 Overture, Blue Danube Waltz, Pomp and Circumstance March No 1) but also some operatic highlights featuring Felix Kemp making his Leeds Castle debut and Alexander James Edwards making a welcome return.

I think the Duet from the Pearl Fishers will be a real highlight with these two performers! Also, we will have a couple of pieces celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great Argentinian Tango composer, Astor Piazzolla as well as music from Stage and Screen featuring our sensational West End soloists, Louise Dearman, Emma Williams and Tim Howar. I'm sure it will be the perfect party atmosphere that we are all so keen to enjoy! I can't wait!

The audience will have a truly memorable evening with a diverse exhilarating programme along with the visual spectacle of field-guns, iconic Spitfire display and superb firework finale.

Picnic tickets are priced at £53 per person. Purchase ten or more tickets and receive a 10% discount. Brachers, a leading law firm in Kent, returns as headline sponsor for the fifth year.

Leeds Castle is located near Maidstone in Kent just off Junction 8 of the M20 and only one hour's drive from London.

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Date: Saturday 4th September 2021



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Soloists

Five sensational soloist performers will be taking to the stage; Tenor Alexander James Edward, Baritone Felix Kemp, popular singers Tim Howar, Louise Dearman and Emma Williams.

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