

# FESTIVAL THEATRE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### The Festival Theatre presents: 'Midsummer Glow Fest' at Penshurst Place



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#### *A one-of-a-kind immersive midsummer event like no other*

The Festival Theatre is delighted to present the return of the magical **Midsummer Glow Fest** in the resplendent gardens at **Penshurst Place**.

Set within one of England's most beautiful and historic estates, this unique evening event invites audiences of all ages to experience the gardens like never before - as living theatre. Guests are welcomed on an immersive journey with hidden performances taking place within the enchanting Penshurst Place walled garden.

Guided through the garden's hidden pathways and atmospheric "rooms", audiences wander from one surprise to the next - from formal Italian gardens and rose-filled walks to secluded corners and shimmering

ponds, brought to life with each performance. It is a chance to slow down, explore, and discover the landscape in a completely new way.

At the heart of the event the Mino Mano Band on Lime Tree Walk will enhance the relaxed midsummer celebration atmosphere. Expect laid-back summer sounds, street food, cocktails from the botanical bar, and an atmosphere designed for connection, celebration and ease beneath the evening sky.

**Midsummer Glow Fest** is an unforgettable fusion of theatre, nature, music and feasting, created especially for a limited audience in this extraordinary setting.

### **Featuring artists and performers:**

#### **New Creations Collective**

Watch one of the UK's most exciting immersive ballet companies, whose poignant interpretation of extracts from *Swan Lake* on Diana's Bath mesmerised audiences last year. This year, they return to Penthurst with another exclusive new piece inspired by a famous ballet - perfectly suited to the setting, though we're keeping the title a secret for now. Join us to discover it for yourself.

#### **Jon Hicks**

Jon Performs his legendary outsized paintings with speed, incredible dexterity, attitude and immaculate timing, all to a kicking soundtrack. Seeing is unbelieving in his unique 'Painting beyond Numbers' act, performed with stylish aplomb by a true variety master. Indisputably the Jackson Pollocks. Seen on the streets, stages and TV screens of the world for the past 26 years. You will have to wait and see who he paints for us on the night.

"Amazing" Graham Norton

"How do you do that?" Ronnie Wood

#### **Mina Mano Band**

Led by vocalist Lisa Marini and guitarist Arthur Newell, Mina Mano brings a warm, Latin-infused sound with a mix of pop, jazz and soul. Their set includes songs by Billie Eilish, Amy Winehouse, Rihanna, Fleetwood Mac and Otis Redding, alongside jazz standards such as *Summertime* and *Come Fly With Me*.

#### **GRAND FINALE**

Taking place in, on and around an old-school London Taxi our GRAND FINALE show has all the hallmarks of the aerial circus producers who created this show – original live music, humour, a mechanically ingenious set, and extraordinary aerial performers. We guarantee you will not have seen anything like this before.

Alongside the performances, there will be a range of street food and drinks available throughout the evening, including wood-fired pizza from The Eden Garden Kitchen, ice cream, hog roast from Baxters Catering and Chilean hotdogs from El Completo. Annie's Treats will be serving cakes, savoury snacks and hot drinks, while the Prosecco Pod and bar will be open throughout the night.

Tickets are priced at £30 adults, £25 children and £95 for a family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Book now by visiting [www.thefestivaltheatre.org](http://www.thefestivaltheatre.org) or call the box office on 07379 488477.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

For press enquiries, images or interview requests, please contact: [PR@heverfestival.co.uk](mailto:PR@heverfestival.co.uk)

## Press Invitation

**Members of the press are warmly invited to attend a special evening at Penshurst Place & Gardens.**

Date: Saturday 20th June

Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Location: Penshurst Place & Gardens, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8DG

Drinks will be served from 6:00pm as the evening begins. We would be delighted to welcome you and a guest. **RSVP: Yvette: [PR@heverfestival.co.uk](mailto:PR@heverfestival.co.uk)**

- The Festival Theatre 2026 season runs from May to October and marks the organisation's 45th anniversary.
- The Festival Theatre is known for its diverse programme, spanning music, comedy, theatre, opera, family shows and special events.
- The Two Sisters Theatre at Hever Castle serves as the Festival Theatre's primary home venue.
- Membership packages are available, offering benefits such as priority booking, ticket discounts and exclusive access to selected performances and events.
- Members of the press are welcome to attend performances. For press tickets and accreditation, please contact [PR@heverfestival.co.uk](mailto:PR@heverfestival.co.uk).
- High-resolution images, additional information and interview opportunities are available on request.