



Media Release

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: The media launch for Coastival's Rather Splendid Day Out will take place on **Monday 28th November at 10am at the Spa Sun Court** with the Coastival team and some surprise guests in attendance!

Rather Splendid line-up for one-day event

Summer sunshine spectacular for February!

Arts festival organisers Coastival today revealed the line-up for their big one-day event in February.

A major theatre coup for Scarborough, nationally-acclaimed music and comedy and much more will form **Coastival's Rather Splendid Day Out** on 11th February.

The event will bring some summer sunshine into a cold February day and two of Scarborough's popular four-legged personalities joined in today's launch at the Spa.

Main highlight of 11th February will be a coup for **Coastival** and for Scarborough as it is chosen to host the first part of a major theatre event by award-winning theatre company **Slung Low**.

At 6pm at the Spa Sun Court, Slung Low will present Darkness at the Sun Court, which is the first of five pieces to be performed at arts festivals across North Yorkshire under the collective name Converging Paths. Scarborough's is a stand-alone performance but can also be viewed as part a five-show "epic, audience adventure". Television and radio personality **Craig Charles** will be another big draw for the 'Splendid Day Out'. Craig, who is well known for his television work in Red Dwarf and Coronation Street, will be wearing his funk/soul DJ hat for this event as he hosts four hours of music from 10pm at the Spa Grand Hall. This event also includes a performance by popular jazz/funk/soul band **Nick Pride and the Pimptones**.

Another highlight is likely to be the **Comedy Gala** evening at the Spa Theatre from 8pm. Names of the acts taking part are being kept under wraps but organisers promise some of the hottest comedians on the UK scene today.

A marathon 10 and a half hours of live music will be on offer at the **Acoustic Lounge** at the Spa Vitadome from 12noon to 10.30pm. Acclaimed local band ISHKA will lead a host of local talent.

Throughout the rest of the day there will also be art exhibitions and installations, as well as theatre and performance at a wide range of

venues including Scarborough Library and Information Centre, Hull University Scarborough Campus and local galleries.

There will also be art, dance and music sessions and workshops for children and young people through the **Rollercoastival February Fiesta.**

Organiser Wendy Clews said: "Today is a very exciting day for Coastival as we announce something new for Scarborough – an event that packs so much music, theatre, art, comedy and fun into one day you would swear it was a week!

"The Slung Low performance is a real coup for Coastival and we are delighted to have been chosen to kick off a truly amazing theatre event that will ultimately take in five different venues across North Yorkshire.

"During the rest of the day we are really excited to have Craig Charles here in Scarborough as well as more art, music, theatre and fun than we ever thought we would squeeze in.

"The idea is to bring a bit of sunshine into February 2012 and we think with this line-up, we'll do just that – we can't wait."

Coastival is establishing itself as a major local organiser of new, innovative and exciting arts events on the Yorkshire coast. It has so far held two successful arts weekends and a host of one-off events. The second Coastival arts weekend festival was held in February and doubled its attendance numbers compared with the first event, in 2009.

For more information visit www.coastival.com

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