

Press Release

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Glastonbury Festival talent and BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards winner to perform at this year's Royal Bath & West Show

The music talent at this year's Royal Bath & Show is stepping up a gear, with BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards winner Sam Kelly confirmed to headline the Pilton Tent on the opening day of the Show.

Popular West Country band The Leylines and Noble Jacks from Brighton, both of which have previously played at the Glastonbury Festival, will be the headline acts on the Thursday and Friday respectively. Meanwhile, Bristol-based Imprints will be returning to close the show on the Saturday, having been a huge hit at last year's event.

In a fallow year for the Glastonbury Festival, this year's music line-up at the Royal Bath & West Show will be welcome news for music fans and festival-goers across the South West, comprising almost 24 hours of live folk and rock music in the Pilton Tent alone during the four day event.



Singer-songwriter Sam Kelly, who was a finalist on ITV's *Britain's got Talent* in 2012, has since become one of the most exciting young prospects in the folk scene. Along with musical collaborator Jamie Francis, who will be performing with him at the Royal Bath & West Show, they have gained a reputation for their dynamic live shows. Sam commented, "We're really looking forward to playing at the Royal Bath and West Show – it'll be a great chance to play to a new audience. I grew up working on my family's dairy farm so am hoping we get to see some lovely cows while we're there too!"



Now in its 155th year, the Royal Bath & West Show is not only one of the biggest agricultural shows in the country but it will also be the largest event taking place in Somerset this year. In addition to a full programme of live music in the Pilton Tent, there is an eclectic range of music and entertainment across the Show, from military bands and Morris dancers through to brass band street entertainment from the eye-catching Ambling Band. The family-friendly event has camping available on site for those wanting to really make the most of the vast range of entertainment on offer.

Rupert Cox, Chief Executive, said, "The Pilton Tent has become the hub of the Show, with a packed line-up of great music throughout the four day event, and scrumptious food & drink surrounding it on all sides. Thanks to the support of our past president, Michael Eavis, we have been able to give

around 20 West Country bands the opportunity to perform to thousands of visitors at the Show, providing a great festival feel. As well as seeing the animals, our visitors tell us they want to taste great food and be entertained, and the Pilton Tent certainly delivers on these two fronts.”

Glastonbury Festival founder Michael Eavis added, “I’m glad to see that the Pilton Tent is so successful. After wandering around the show for a few hours, there is no better place to sit, rest, eat some food and listen to some really good music in this beautiful tent!”

The Royal Bath & West Show is England’s only four-day royal show, bringing together the very best of British agriculture, entertainment and food & drink. Taking place at the Bath & West Showground near Shepton Mallet from 30 May to 2 June, it is a celebration of agriculture and rural lifestyle. Information and tickets are available from www.bathandwest.com, with a special Advance Saver ticket available until 29 May, which admits one adult plus two children free of charge for only £22.

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Notes to editors

Pictured:

- 1) Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis, who will be performing in the Pilton Tent on the first day of the Royal Bath & Show
- 2) The Ambling Band at the Royal Bath & West Show

Information on the acts mentioned in the press release can be found by visiting their websites:

- Sam Kelly: www.samkelly.org
- Leylines: www.theleylinesmusic.co.uk
- Noble Jacks: www.noblejacks.com
- Imprints: www.imprintsuk.co.uk

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About the Royal Bath & West of England Society

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The Society was formed with the aims of encouraging agriculture, arts, manufacture and commerce, and is a registered charity organisation (Registered Charity Number 1039397).

Our charitable activities provide:

- Agriculture, veterinary, educational and art scholarships
- Technical events and Seminars
- Practical farming advice and conferences
- Countryside Education

- Diversification advice for farmers
- Education for children
- A market place for countryside products

As the Society celebrates its 241st year it continues to deliver a wonderful mix of established traditional exhibits through to the latest energy technology and contemporary entertainment.

The entertainment and features around the 242-acre site ensure enjoyment for every member of the family and include attractions that are spectacular to watch, educational, inspirational, 'hands on' or just plain fun.

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