

# Canterbury Festival

15-29 OCTOBER 2011

Kent's International Arts Festival

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## Canterbury Festival is looking for friendship

Canterbury Festival is Kent's International Arts Festival and will take place between 15 - 29 October this year. The programme includes over two hundred events in two weeks all across the art forms - from theatre, classical music and dance, to world music, comedy and talks, visual arts, walks and the youth driven Festival Fringe. The Festival offers a great variety of quality performances and activities to suit all ages, tastes and budgets.

Every year great anticipation surrounds the announcement of the Festival programme in July and tickets going on sale to the Friends of Canterbury Festival for two weeks before general booking opens in August.

Diane Gaskain, Chairman of the Friends, comments 'Your Friends membership card is the hottest ticket in town. Did you manage to get tickets to see the likes of Willard White and Stacey Kent or were you one of the hundreds who were disappointed? Many top events sell out as soon as general booking opens; if you want to be sure of getting the tickets and the best seats, you need **to join the Friends before the end of June** and take advantage of the exclusive early booking opportunity.'

She adds: 'In addition, the Friends of Canterbury Festival run some top class events throughout the year, which are not only highly enjoyable but also raise funds for the Festival itself. Last year we had, amongst other things, *A Night in Little Italy* with Cameo Opera in February; and in July we held the fabulous *Divas and Delphiniums* when 14 stars from the West End, including Robert Lindsay, entertained us at the most wonderful garden party. This event sold out as soon as tickets went on general sale. The only way to make sure to get to these type of events is by becoming a Friend. Show your ticket and get the tickets.'

The very reasonable membership rates have been held for another year and start from as little as £1.67 a month or £20 per annum for an individual (£10 students) with further options available for couples (£30), families (£35) and enhanced memberships (Silver £100, Gold £300).

To join now and for more information about the Friends of the Festival, including forthcoming and previous events and an application form visit [www.canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk) or contact Sylviane Martell on 01227 452853 or email [sylvianemartell@canterburyfestival.co.uk](mailto:sylvianemartell@canterburyfestival.co.uk).

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**Notes to Editors:**

- Canterbury Festival 2011 runs from 15-29 October in and around Canterbury, Kent.
- Full details of the programme of events will be announced in July and will be available in the Festival brochure online at [www.canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk) and from the Festival Office.
- Booking for the general public opens on Monday 8 August, with a priority booking period of min. 2 weeks for Friends of the Festival prior to that. Tickets will be available online at [www.canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk) or from the Festival Box Office in the Canterbury Visitor Information Centre in person or by phone 01227 787787.