



**WORCESTER FESTIVAL
PRESS RELEASE**



**THE WORCESTER FESTIVAL 2008
Festival Finale – Face Painting, Free Events and Fireworks!!**

The Worcester Festival comes to a close this weekend with a bang this as the last few days of activities, events and fun culminates in a fantastic firework display – totally free!

Bank Holiday weekend sees the first Worcester Live music Festival Weekend, with 100 artists playing all kinds of music in 20 venues around the city including the Marris Bar, The Firefly, Keystones and Cowardines. From punk, indie and metal to blues and folk – there's something for all tastes and most are free of charge.

On **Friday evening** local boys Humphrey and Renshaw bring their hilarious comedy sketch show to the Swan Theatre. 'Contains Small Parts' is for adults only!

On **Saturday and Sunday** Worcester is host to the British National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championships at Worcester Canoe Club. Over 400 competitors will be racing kayaks and canoes over different distances to compete for the title 'National Champion'.

In the city centre on **Saturday** there's a final day of hilarious street theatre and face painting, and in the evening choose a summer evening picnic and entertainment from the comedy folk band Mad Jocks and Englishmen at Bransford Court. In support St Richards Hospice and Powick Church, there's also a pay bar and a pig roast. In the Swan Theatre Studio the Swan Theatre Amateur Company present The Memory of Water, a powerful and funny play about three sisters returning to their family home on the eve of their mother's funeral. At Huntingdon Hall the New Rope String Band, play lively acoustic music from various traditions around the world. They sing, dance and play their socks off on fiddles, guitar, piano accordion, mandolin and anything else that comes to hand!

On **Sunday** be down at the riverside for the Artists' Market, Face Painting and music by the Tenbury Teme Valley Band.

On **Bank Holiday Monday**, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, and the amazing show Flamenco Express will end in time for audiences to hot-foot it to the riverside for music from the Sauce City Jazzmen, a pig roast, Glo lanterns and of course the incredible Free Festival Finale Fireworks. What better end to an incredible Festival?

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