

Temple House

Announce Acts

For First Ever

Temple House Festival

Temple House are pleased to announce the initial acts for the first ever Temple House Festival, an eclectic micro music and arts festival which will take place in the beautiful grounds of the Temple House estate near Ballymote, Sligo from 10-12 September.

The festival, which promises to be a little bit different and provide a truly memorable experience for festival goers, will have a diverse line-up of music and entertainment featuring a host of Irish and international acts including **The Undertones, The Walls, New Young Pony Club, Peter Hook DJ Set (New Order/Joy Division), The Stunning, 202s, Exit Calm, Ronan O Snodaigh, Donal Dineen, Davide Swarup and John Conneely, Arveene & Misk (Live), Barry Redsetta, Clampdown DJs, Motion control, The Whiteliars and Maser (artist)** with many more acts to be announced over the forthcoming weeks. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, 21 May with www.tickets.ie affordably priced at €59 (including booking fees and camping).

The Temple House musical line-up will be as deep and eclectic as the rest of the entertainment on offer, with indie, traditional, folk, bluegrass and dance music all represented. Live music will be the core source of entertainment, complimented by poetry readings, art installations, farmers' market, vintage clothes, jewelry fair and children's activities plus a plethora of other carefully selected attractions.

Award winning poet and spoken word artist Marty Mulligan will perform Spoken Word at the Temple House Festival. Marty's poetry often packs a powerful political punch, and he is not afraid to tackle any of the big issues of the day. His slam poetry is laced with savage satire and high octane humour, tales of romance and love lost and found, and his rapid-fire delivery has won him many plaudits at home and abroad.

A full medieval village featuring battle re-enactments will be situated at Temple House. Activities will include jousting, work shops, traditional crafts and a medieval kitchen. There will also be children's activities and workshops to occupy idle hands, whilst integrating ages, and ability. Activities will be themed and materials provided for a full day of creative production culminating in the nightly kid's parade, led by the Temple House Pied Piper! The parade will create a noisy grand finale, ending in the family camping area, where bedtime friendly stories will be read aloud, so the little tykes can rest their weary hands, ready for another creative day!

Festival-goers will be welcomed on site from Thursday evening and will be able to sleep in yurts, tepees and cottages dotted around the festival grounds, as well as the usual camping options for those on a budget.

The organisers are expecting up to 5,000 music fans in the first year of the festival with the possibility of increasing this number in later years. However, they are keen to stress that the key to the festival's atmosphere will be achieved by adhering to their strict mantra of 'quality over quantity'.

Festival organiser Bernard Hayes declares, “We are creating a festival at Temple House that is different and offers a variety of entertainment in a magical setting. Music and arts fans will be able to get about easily without walking miles and have a localised choice of bars and food. They will be able to meet extraordinary, artistic, creative, funny characters, make new friends and spend their weekend laughing and having fun while experiencing some really cool names from new and established acts from Ireland, UK & Europe who are circulating the current arts, culture & music scene .”

Proprietor Roderick Perceval is very proud to host the Temple House Festival at his home in Co Sligo, “We have been waiting a long time to do something like this. We are really looking forward to bringing a bit of festival energy to the North West and the beautiful county of Sligo. It really is an exciting prospect.”

For more information about the festival, bands and latest updates, check out

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About Temple House

Temple House, situated near Ballymote in Co Sligo, is a classical Georgian mansion set in a private estate of over 1,000 acres, overlooking a 13th century lakeside castle of the Knights Templar. Temple House has been home to the Perceval family home since 1665. Temple House is a historic home offering luxury country house accommodation, plus a self catering cottage that sleeps 8. Visitors will find on-site boating, coarse fishing, bird-watching, terraced gardens and miles of woodland walks. Within easy reach are beautiful beaches, eagles flying, archaeological sites, horse riding, surfing, trout fishing and four championship golf courses. Temple House is a member of the Hidden Ireland group – where one can stay in a historic private house in Ireland. www.templehouse.ie