

A couple is seen from behind, embracing at a festival. The background is filled with vibrant fireworks exploding in the night sky. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is visible, some holding balloons. The scene is decorated with various flowers and foliage, including daisies, sunflowers, and colorful balloons.

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A festival in a day

Sunday 8th September 2013


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“ I’d like to welcome you to Radio 2 Live in Hyde Park.

It’s wonderful to be back at this iconic location in the heart of our capital city for our sixth summer concert. What better way to celebrate all the fantastic music that is part of Radio 2 than this ‘festival in a day’. Many of Radio 2’s much-loved presenters are here today, and there will be performances from world famous artists, each of whom reflect the breadth and diversity of the network’s output. With friends and families getting together for a memorable day out, I’m afraid I can’t control the weather, but the music is sure to shine!

Bob Shennan, Controller of BBC Radio 2



Today's BBC Radio 2 presenters Jo Whiley, Ken Bruce and Simon Mayo can't wait to get the party started...



Says Jo: "Only at Radio 2 would you get such an electric line-up on one bill. I'm enormously looking forward to seeing the likes of **Jack Johnson** and **Manic Street Preachers** playing alongside the legend that is **Smokey Robinson**. It's a proper feel-good festival in a day, in front of a crowd who are always highly enthusiastic. Picnic optional but advised."

Listen to Jo Mon-Thurs 8-9.30pm



Ken adds: "With **Manic Street Preachers**, **Jessie J** and the great **Smokey Robinson** amongst a host of other talents, Radio 2 has done it again! I can't wait for the most eclectic and the highest quality festival around."

Listen to Ken weekdays 9.30am-12pm



Simon sums up: "It's the summer of 2013's last hurrah! And with our cast list it will bow out in style."

Listen to Simon weekdays 5-7pm

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Starry treats this autumn on BBC Radio 2

★ Radio 2 welcomes **Elton John** to the BBC on Wednesday 11 September. He'll perform two exclusive tracks for Ken Bruce, chat to Simon Mayo and join Jo Whiley for an exclusive Ask Elton video Q&A before a spectacular In Concert programme live from the BBC Radio Theatre from 8pm.

★ **Hugh Laurie's Blues Changes** features live performances from Hugh and his acclaimed Copper Bottom Band alongside BBC archive, as the six-part series sees Hugh exploring the ways in which the blues has shaped the music that we listen to today.

SMOKEY ROBINSON

Once pronounced by Bob Dylan as America's "greatest living poet", singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson's career spans more than four decades of hits. His myriad awards include the Grammy Living Legend and the National Medal of Arts from the President of the United States, plus induction into the Rock 'n' Roll and the Songwriters' Halls of Fame. Born and raised in Detroit, Robinson founded The Miracles while still in high school. They dominated the R&B scene through the 1960s and early 70s and Robinson became Vice President of their label, Motown Records. His solo career built on his tradition of hit-making, and this musical icon continues to thrill sold-out audiences globally.





JESSIE J

Outspoken, cool and fun, London singer-songwriter Jessie J has enjoyed a meteoric rise to global pop star status. No.1 singles and a chart-topping debut album, millions sold worldwide, show-stopping performances to an audience of billions at the Olympics, a prime-time TV career on *The Voice*, extraordinary acts for charity, Glastonbury, the Diamond Jubilee Concert and songs for the likes of Miley Cyrus and Chris Brown... she's a true household name from Southend to Sydney. And things are now getting even more exciting with a new album that has already spawned hit singles *Wild* and *It's My Party*.

JAMES BLUNT

Singer-songwriter James Blunt wrote his first song at 14 and took his beloved guitar with him during his six years in the army. The third single from his debut album *Back To Bedlam* – *You're Beautiful* – was his breakthrough: one big hit, two more albums, three world tours, four No.1 singles, five Grammy nods (plus two Brits and two Ivor Novellos), and then the numbers skyrocket: 17 million albums and 20 million singles sold worldwide, 250 million plays on Spotify and 257 million YouTube views. His upcoming fourth album, *Moon Landing*, about dreams, longing and first love, is a set of songs that are raw, direct and emotionally honest.





JOSH GROBAN

Multi-talented American singer, songwriter, musician, actor and record producer Josh Groban is famed for the playful, intimate and powerful nature of his live shows, with equal measures of musical virtuosity and spirited, spontaneous personality. The latter has also brought him a rising career in movies and television, but it's his music that has made him a global pop star for more than a decade, selling over 25 million records worldwide. With his sixth album, *All That Echoes*, another No.1 US smash, Josh has produced a soulful, righteous, dynamic, inspirational and energetic showcase for his accomplished, personal songwriting and singular talents as a masterful interpreter.

MANIC STREET PREACHERS

From the glam image, anger and political rhetoric of their early years as a key band of the early 1990s, to Brit Awards, multi-platinum albums and stadium tours, Wales' Manic Street Preachers have long been one of the UK's most interesting and radical bands. Constantly oscillating between defiance and despair, misery and joy, they survived the anguish of Richey Edwards' unexplained disappearance in 1995 and achieved mainstream success with comeback album *Everything Must Go*. Subsequent releases cemented their status, and latest recording *Rewind The Film* is their quietest and most beautiful album yet, rippled with warmth and grace.





JACK JOHNSON

Hawaii singer-songwriter Jack Johnson, maestro of surf folk-rock, has sold more than 19 million albums since his 2001 debut *Brushfire Fairytales*. His imminent sixth studio album *From Here To Now To You* continues his natural penchant for creating a connection with his audience. While Johnson's golden vocals and graceful acoustic guitar work form its heart, the album achieves intricate textures by weaving in eclectic instruments, and its warm intimacy and heartfelt emotional complexity radiate an easy, joyful energy. In addition to making music, Johnson is a respected filmmaker and also heads up a non-profit environmental education organisation with his wife.

TEXAS

It's been 25 years since Glasgow's Texas announced themselves with a twangy swagger, their modern sound sequined with vintage flashes of soul, country and 1950s jukebox pop - perfectly portrayed in the breakthrough 1989 hit *I Don't Want A Lover*.

Worldwide sales of over 30 million albums include the multi-platinum trio of *White On Blonde* (1997), *The Hush* (1999) and their *Greatest Hits* compilation in 2000. Their overdue return finds invigorating eighth - and already gold - album *The Conversation* at once comfortingly familiar and pleasantly surprising, splitting its seams with the joy of a long-proven pop force creating songs rich in melody and emotion.



JAMIE CULLUM

British singer/songwriter/
multi-instrumentalist
(and Radio 2 presenter)
Jamie Cullum irresistibly
mixes jazz with melodic
pop and rock. From
swinging jazz standards
to modern rock songs,
earnest ballads to songs
of sardonic wit, his free-
thinking artistry shines
through. While still at
university, he made his
debut album, *Heard It
All Before*, on a budget
of £150. Jamie has since
been crowned the UK's
most successful jazz
musician, selling millions
of records worldwide.
He recently released
his sixth studio album,
Momentum – the sound
of a man enjoying a
newfound musical
freedom. From New
Orleans jazz, Beyoncé,
funk-filled party vibes
and electronic beats to
big band zip, it exudes
a spirit of adventure
and brio.



SIMPLE MINDS

Simple Minds have been many things to many people: soundscapers, sound-shapers, soundtrack makers, serial chart-toppers. Avant-garde, art-rock, pop, ambient, political, folk; all incarnations from their 35 years as one of Britain's most successful bands. From one of the most beguiling, inventive and adventurous bands of the post-punk period to majestic, globally huge stadium rockers, they have always been a truly formidable and vibrant concert attraction. Frontman Jim Kerr recalls their original objective "was to be considered one of the great live bands". As they today play a selection of timeless classics from this spring's *Celebrate - The Greatest Hits* collection, few would disagree.





TREACHEROUS ORCHESTRA

Glasgow-based 11-piece Treacherous Orchestra are an indefinable collective force, fusing people, concepts, styles and influences, playing music with ferocity, verve and passion. A collection of some of Scotland's best musicians, they combine pipes, drums, woodwind and strings to create incredible soundscapes of energetic folk. After forming at Celtic Connections in 2009, they released a debut album of rousing fusion, *Origins*, last year. Sparks fly every time they get together; their passion for high-energy, innovative and evolving styles of playing comes to fruition in their exuberant sound, blending the old with the new to forge their own unique interpretation of Scottish music.

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BBC Radio 6 Music celebrates music this autumn with a series of special live sessions from the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios.

- Pixies will be performing a special gig in September live from Maida Vale.
- In October, '6 Music Live at Maida Vale' returns with a week of gigs from an incredible line-up.
- In what promises to be a very special one off show, in October, 6 Music's Cerys Matthews interviews The Clash in front of a small audience of their fans.
- This autumn, the pan-BBC 'Sound of Cinema Season' celebrates the incredible soundtracks of the movies. 6 Music will have tailored programmes across the network, including an interview with Quentin Tarantino, plus much more.
- And 6 Music will be raiding the BBC's rich and unique archive to broadcast documentaries about artists, bands and historic music movements, as well as airing recordings of classic sessions.

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Every note from today's concert will be available online to watch again with our most comprehensive coverage yet - also featuring behind the scenes interviews, photo galleries and exclusive extra acoustic sets performed by the artists backstage.

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Monday 9 September - from 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 September - from 7.30pm

Wednesday 11 September - all day until 7.55pm

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RUNNING ORDER

Treacherous Orchestra

12:30

Simple Minds

13:10

Jamie Cullum

14:00

Texas

14:50

Jack Johnson

15:45

Manic Street Preachers

16:35

Josh Groban

17:25

James Blunt

18:20

Jessie J

19:25

Smokey Robinson

20:30

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YOU CAN CATCH THE FOLLOWING EXCITING NEW ACTS ON THE BBC INTRODUCING STAGE TODAY...

Georgia Ruth

Welsh singer, songwriter, harpist and melancholy folk siren with an exquisitely haunting voice

produces elegantly crafted songs

James Bay

Gravel-voiced singer-songwriter from Hitchin, influenced by the likes of James Taylor and Carole King

Screaming Maldini

Innovative and ingenious genre-straddling multi-instrumental six-piece from Sheffield

New Desert Blues

Portsmouth band whose bleak alt-folk is inspired by the dark, romantic side of the Wild West

George Barnett

Singer-songwriter, musician and former Young Drummer Of The Year whose lovely songs are passionate and emotional

Zervas & Pepper

Welsh duo whose harmony-heavy evocative folk rock

Lloyd Yates

Mercurial multi-instrumentalist from Jersey whose beautifully crafted songs showcase his unique voice

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