

PRESS RELEASE

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New act announced for Back To Ours

Acclaimed musician Carl Barât - who rocked Hull Ice Arena last September with The Libertines - is returning to the city next week as part of *Back To Ours* festival.

Hull UK City of Culture 2017 has announced that **Carl Barât** will be playing North Point Shopping Centre in Bransholme next Saturday (17 February), hot on the heels of Reverend and The Makers the night before.

As a member of the Libertines Barât released two albums, *Up The Bracket* (2002) and *The Libertines* (2004). His next band, Dirty Pretty Things, released *Waterloo To Anywhere* (2006) and *Romance At Short Notice* (2008), followed by a solo album, *Carl Barât*, in 2010 and his first book *Threepenny Memoir - The Lives Of A Libertine* in the same year.

Barât went on to form new group The Jackals, via Facebook after posting an advert for guitarists, drummers and bassists which pulled in over 1,000 applicants. Last year the band followed up their acclaimed debut album *Let It Reign* (2015) with their EP *The Harder They Fall*.

Tickets, which cost £7.50, will be available from North Point Shopping Centre from 10am on Saturday. Any remaining tickets will go on sale online on Monday 12 February at 6pm.

Back To Ours Director Louise Yates added: "The music gigs at Back To Ours are always a popular choice so when Reverend and The Makers sold out, we decided to add an extra gig onto the line-up. We expect tickets to be snapped up so if you don't want to miss out, get yourself along to North Point Saturday morning."

The festival, which runs from next Tuesday (13 February) to Sunday (18 February), also includes:

- **Jeddybears and Gary's Picnic:** Jed Salisbury and Gary Jennison from Hull Comedy Festival promise to keep the whole family laughing and entertained.
- **The Amazing Bubble Man:** Let Louis Pearl enchant, delight and amaze you with his unique show. From square bubbles, bubbles in bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, caterpillar bubbles and even people inside bubbles, *The Amazing Bubble Man* guarantees shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from everyone. He's been wowing audiences around the world for 30 years, so prepare to float away in a world of incredible artistry, comedy and magic with bubble volcanoes, rocket ships and maybe even a flying saucer or two taking flight in the most unusual of places.
- **Hotel Paradiso:** Thrillingly spectacular circus skills blend seamlessly with charm, physical comedy, clowning, juggling, theatrical storytelling and slapstick in, a colourful, loud and funny show. Meet Madame and the charming staff of the quirkily ineffective *Hotel Paradiso* and their arch enemy, the dastardly Banker,

who schemes to repossess the hotel. The cast of six highly skilled acrobats, clowns and jugglers tell the story of how the tenants battle to save their home and livelihood. Will they manage to stay open, or will they be forced to move on?

- **Picture House:** Step into the magical, animated world of Claymation with two of Nick Park's best-loved films, *Chicken Run* (U) and *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (U). Join Lucky the chicken to earn your wings by taking part in workshops and activities. Make your own Claymation character in an animation workshop and attend flight school before sitting down to see if Ginger and Rocky the Rooster can escape a grisly fate in *Chicken Run*. Watch the marvellous minds of Wallace & Gromit in *Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, immerse yourself in the wonderful world of inventions and become a member of the Inventor's Club! Help a team of inventors solve many veggie-troubles in their ideas factory and make your own clay bunny in an animation workshop.
- **The Giant's Loo Roll:** Adapted by the original book by Nicholas Allan, the show tells the story of one giant's runaway toilet roll which has gone bouncing down the hill heading straight towards the villagers living in the town below his house. Luckily, the townsfolk find lots of uses for runaway loo paper - but what about the giant? Doesn't he need any loo paper? Well the ingenious townspeople have an answer for that too! Watch out for some frightened sheep, lots of excited children and a fantastic amount of toilet paper in this rip-roaring children's musical.
- **Reverend and The Makers (SOLD OUT)**
- **Secret Gig (SOLD OUT)**

Funded by Arts Council England's Strategic Touring Fund, NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group and Spirit of 2012, *Back To Ours* is produced by Hull UK City of Culture 2017 and Creative People and Places in partnership with China Plate, Hull Independent Cinema, Film Hub North, The British Film Institute, Revolver, Under the Influence and venue partners Archbishop Sentamu Academy, Hymers College, Kingswood Academy, North Point Shopping Centre, Sirius Academy West, The Freedom Centre, William Gemmell and Winifred Holtby Academy.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Culture Company was set up to deliver the Hull UK City of Culture 2017 programme, a nationally significant event drawing on the distinctive spirit of the city and the artists, writers, directors, musicians, revolutionaries and thinkers that have contributed to the development of art and ideas. It is an independent organisation with charitable status.

It raised £32 million, with over 70 partners supporting the project, including public bodies, trusts and foundations and local and national businesses. Key contributions are coming from: Host City - Hull City Council; Principal Partners - Arts Council England, BBC, Big Lottery Fund, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Heritage Lottery Fund, KCOM, KWL, Spirit

of 2012, Yorkshire Water and the University of Hull; Major Partners -Associated British Ports, Arco, BP, the British Council, British Film Institute, Green Port Hull, Hull Clinical Commissioning Group, MKM Building Supplies, P&O Ferries, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Sewell Group, Siemens, Smith & Nephew and Wykeland Group. The National Lottery has contributed more than £10m of this funding, making it the largest single funding body for Hull 2017.

The Culture Company is carrying on as a permanent national arts company based in the city. Building on the success of Hull 2017, Culture Company's core purpose will continue to be commissioning world-class arts programming aimed at residents and visitors and it will work strategically with partners inside the city and across the UK to cement Hull's reputation as a centre for culture and creativity.

Culture Company will also develop its role as an independent organisation specialising in culture and cities, which in addition to commissioning work, will offer unrivalled expertise, consultancy and advocacy, across the UK and internationally.

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