

PERFORMING ARTISTS

REEL EIRE IRISH DANCERS

One of the leading Irish Dance Troupes in the UK based here in Kent.

FOUR BY FOUR BHANGRA DANCERS

Internationally acclaimed Gravesham based bhangra folk dance group who will entertain with their high energy colourful performances and participatory workshops.

KITKA BULGARIAN FOLK DANCERS

Local Bulgarian Folk Troupe who will perform a series of short dances as well as inviting members of the audience to join in.

PHASE 5 STEEL BAND

Popular Kent based steel band who will bring the sounds of the Caribbean to the streets of Maidstone.

WOLF'S HEAD & VIXEN GOTHIC MORRIS

One of the first directly Gothic influenced Border Morris teams in the UK and are the only Morris dancers to wear an all-black kit. The local group from Medway will perform to a variety of traditional and original tunes, with a Gothic feel and a mesmerising drumbeat.

RONAK MELA BRASS BAND

Leading brass band who specialise in classic Bollywood and bhangra themes from now and yesteryear. The traditional music of Mumbai's films and Punjab combined with the distinctive brass creates a sound which is individual and unexpected.

STREET ARTISTS

GEO SET - HUMAN STATUES.

Great Contemporary statues that amaze and delight when they come to life.

CATE BRICK MIME ARTIST

Roving mime artist creating situation comedy and hilarity in Maidstone Town Centre.

NUTKHUT

Bollywood inspired stilt characters who will interact with the shoppers in Maidstone Town Centre and bring a smile to their faces.

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

SAME SKY ARTS

Free creative workshops for young people to make simple pieces of art inspired by the Mela delivered by the largest community arts charity in the South East.

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Kent based arts organisation who will be working with the audience members to create a visual feedback of the Street Mela to help inform future development.



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PROUDLY PRESENT

MAIDSTONE STREET MELA 2016

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS AND FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN THE HEART OF TOWN

11 SEPTEMBER 2016

BETWEEN 11.30AM AND 4.00PM

PERFORMANCES, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

IN WICK STREET AND JUBILEE SQUARE



MELA PARTNERS

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PERFORMANCE AREA 1

Jubilee Square, High Street, Maidstone, Kent

11.30am	OFFICIAL OPENING by the Deputy Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Malcolm Greer
11.35 - 11.55am	Reel Eire Irish Dancers
12.00 - 12.30pm	Four by Four Bhangra Dancers
12.45 - 12.55pm	Kitka Bulgarian Folk Dancers
1.00 - 1.30pm	Phase 5 Steel Band
1.40 - 1.55pm	Wolf's Head Morris
2.00 - 2.30pm	Ronak Mela Brass Band
2.45 - 3.00pm	Maidstone Nepalese Community Group
3.20pm	FINISH

STREET PERFORMERS TIMETABLE

12.00 - 12.30pm	Nutkhut Stilt Walkers	Jubilee Square
1.00 - 1.30pm	Cate Brick Street Mime Artist	Week Street
1.00 - 1.30pm	Geo Set Street Statue Artist	Week Street
2.00 - 2.30pm	Nutkhut Stilt Walkers	Week Street
2.00 - 2.30pm	Cate Brick Street Mime Artist	Jubilee Square
2.00 - 2.30pm	Geo Set Street Statue Artist	Jubilee Square
3.30 - 4.00pm	Nutkhut Stilt Walkers	Week Street
3.15 - 3.45pm	Cate Brick Street Mime Artist	Week Street
3.15 - 3.45pm	Geo Set Street Statue Artist	Week Street

PERFORMANCE AREA 2

Week Street

12.30pm	OFFICIAL OPENING by the Deputy Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Malcolm Greer
12.35 - 12.55pm	Reel Eire Irish Dancers
1.00 - 1.15pm	Maidstone Nepalese Community Group
1.30 - 2.00pm	Four by Four Bhangra Dancers
2.05 - 2.15pm	Kitka Bulgarian Folk Dancers
2.30 - 3.00pm	Phase 5 Steel Band
3.10 - 3.25pm	Wolf's Head Morris
3.30 - 4.00pm	Ronak Mela Brass Band
4.00pm	FINISH

The Maidstone Mela was set up in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, with the intention of creating an event that promoted positive perceptions of different cultures, and provided a celebratory, inclusive community and family focused event for the Maidstone district. Since its inception in 2003 it has gone from strength to strength and has attracted thousands of local residents each year.

This year for the first time the celebrations move to the Town Centre as Maidstone Borough Council conduct a consultation on the future direction of the Mela. We hope that you will take the time to contribute as this will help shape the future direction of the Mela in the borough including where it should take place and the format of the event.

We are grateful to all the volunteers and community partners who have supported the Street Mela this year, many of who have been involved with the Mela since the start. We also very much appreciate the support of Arts Council England for their funding and hope that you will come and enjoy a day of performances, street entertainment and creative arts workshops all free in the heart of Maidstone Town Centre.



Cllr Malcolm Greer
Deputy Mayor of Maidstone



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