

26 January 2015

Knockengorroch press release

Knockengorroch World Ceilidh line-up welcomes Mercury Award winners Young Fathers

Winners of the prestigious Mercury Award in 2014 Young Fathers have been announced for Knockengorroch World Ceilidh festival's 18th year. The Edinburgh based band have been described as alternative hip hop, influenced by everything from soul, Liberian and Ghanaian music to opera music and Enya. They will travel to the natural amphitheatre in the hills to play the Saturday night on the Bo Airigh Greenstage.

The band will be joined in the hills of Galloway, SW Scotland by more traditional Scottish greats such as the eminently danceable Peatbog Faeries and Shooglenifty, inventors of the genre 'Acid croft' as they celebrate their 25th year, with Knockengorroch's infamous Sunday ceilidh to be called by ceilidh maestros Awry.

Further festival favourite and fusion acts from across the UK will feature such as the London Afrobeat Collective, the self styled live electronic rave dub funk punk explosion Age of Glass from Manchester and high energy folk ska and punk band Nottinghamshire's Ferocious Dog.

The festival looks beyond the UK also, this year welcoming female Sahawari singer Aziza Brahim from the Western Sahara, with one of Songlines best albums for 2014. Aziza's strong and emotive voice fronts a band of fine musicians with depths of desert blues and hints of flamenco, singing the resistance songs of an exiled people.

Established dance names such as Scratch Perverts, the legendary Glasgow sound system Mungos Hi Fi and more dance and electronic acts will join the roots line-up to create a festival unclassifiable in its riotous melting pot of genres.

Festival director Liz Holmes said 'we are delighted with our line-up which covers music from all walks and lives and backgrounds, rich and diverse and reflecting the communality of music which Knockengorroch has always promoted.'

One of the longest running greenfield festivals in Scotland the event features further attractions including theatre, dance, circus, fire, environmental workshops, kids area, silent disco, arts, crafts, food, camping, a sauna and a cinema. It runs for 4 days from 21 to 14 May and welcomes all ages. Advance tickets are available from www.knockengorroch.org.uk/tickets

Editors notes

- The festival takes place 21 to 24 May 2015 at Knockengorroch farm in Dumfries and Galloway
- The full line-up so far consists of Young Fathers, Peatbog Faeries, Shooglenifty, Scratch Perverts, Macka B, Ferocious Dog, Baghdaddies, DJ Format, Mungos Hi Fi Sound System, Aziza Brahim, John Langan Band, Rob Heron and the Teapad Orchestra, Age of Glass, Awry, Blackbeard's Tea Party, London Afrobeat Collective, No Go Stop, the Amphetameanies, Bunty Looping, Jeremy Mage, Colonel Mustard and the Dijon Five and many more to be announced.

For more information contact Katch Holmes katch@knockengorroch.org.uk 07872 964 986