



## FEIS LIVERPOOL The Major New Irish Music Festival in Liverpool Saturday 7th July 2018

The Feis, the Irish music festival, from the founder of the world famous Fleadh, is coming to Liverpool this summer. Featuring some of the biggest names in Irish music, both contemporary and traditional, The Feis Liverpool will be the biggest celebration of Irish culture the city has seen.

Taking place on Liverpool's World Heritage Waterfront on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July **Van Morrison** will headline the festival. Also on the line-up are Chieftains, Imelda May, The Hothouse Flowers, Foy Vance, The Coronas, Aslan, Finbar Furey, Hudson Taylor, The Stunning, Nathan Carter, Damien Dempsey, Dublin Legends (The Dubliners), Therapy?, Sharon Shannon, Mary Coughlan, Jack L & Mundy.

The Feis forms part of the Liverpool 2018 events programme which marks the tenth anniversary of European Capital of Culture and will celebrate Liverpool's unique Irish heritage. Often referred to as the 'real capital of Ireland' and 'Dublin's backyard', over 75% of Liverpool's population is of Irish descent.

The Feis is being organised by music promoter Vince Power, the founder of the famous Mean Fiddler who was behind festivals such as Glastonbury, Leeds/ Reading, Tribal Gathering, Homelands, the Hop Farm; as well as the world famous Fleadh Festival. Power's Fleadh/Feis festivals ran for over fifteen years in London, Glasgow, New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco with the most recent by Bob Dylan.



*Vince Power says, "I'm proud and delighted to bring The Feis to Liverpool, a great city with such strong ties to Ireland. I have always wanted to do an Irish music festival here. The Pier Head is the perfect location because of its powerful and emotional significance. We have a fantastic line-up and this event will bring together the finest, most celebrated Irish musicians in a marvelous festival atmosphere. would like to add my sincere thanks to Liverpool City Council and Mayor Joe Anderson, who saw the strength of the idea immediately and have been so supportive. This is the biggest line-up of Irish artistes Liverpool has ever seen."*

Liverpool was named UNESCO City of Music in 2015 and has recently announced an exciting programme of events to mark the tenth anniversary of its appointment as European Capital of Culture. The Feis Liverpool will add to the existing celebration of Irish culture that is already well served by The Liverpool Irish Festival, the Irish Centre & Comhaltas.

Assistant Mayor and Cabinet Member for culture, tourism and events, Councillor Wendy Simon, said: 'The Feis brings together two of this city's greatest passions - music and Ireland. This is a wonderful package - an exciting and authentic line-up in the stunning surroundings of our World heritage waterfront - makes this the perfect addition to our festival calendar.'

Tickets now on sale and can be purchased online through Ticketmaster or directly from The Feis website.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Vince Power:**

In 1982 Vince Power founded The Mean Fiddler music venue in Harlesden and The Mean Fiddler Organisation. Under Vince's direction the Mean Fiddler Music Group developed from one venue into an established brand overseeing eight music festivals and fourteen live music venues including Astoria, The Mean Fiddler, The Forum, The Jazz Café, Clapham Grand, Subterranea and the Powerhaus & festivals such as Reading, Leeds, Homelands, Phoenix, The Fleadh, Glastonbury, Tribal Gathering, The Hop Farm & Benicassim. In 2006 Vince was appointed a CBE for services to music. The first Fleadh was organised by Vince Power and held in Finsbury Park, London in 1990. Fifteen subsequent Fleadhs followed, with the last Fleadh (The Feis) held in 2011.

##### **Liverpool 2018 programme:**

Ten years since its game-changing year as European Capital of Culture, Liverpool is marking the milestone with a programme of exciting, inspirational and thought-provoking projects which will shine an international spotlight onto the incredible cultural hub this city has become. Bringing together international artists, performers and homegrown talent which has emerged over the last decade, more than 40 events and festivals will take place in and across the city region, including firsts, one-off spectacles and some returning, crowd-pulling favo-urites. The programme brings together the worlds of music, sport, ships, the best of Chinese art, great food and drink and even some cardboard box sculptures, and although its inspired by the huge success of 2008, Liverpool 2018 is focused on the renaissance which has transformed the region over the past decade and looks to position culture and creativity at the heart of all aspects of the city. For the latest information, or to help plan your visit to Liverpool go to [www.visitliverpool.com/2018](http://www.visitliverpool.com/2018).

### **VINCE POWER IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW**

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**LIVERPOOL  
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IMELDA MAY • THE CHIEFTAINS

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS • FOY VANCE

DAMIEN DEMPSEY • THE CORONAS • ASLAN

FINBAR FUREY • HUDSON TAYLOR • THE STUNNING

NATHAN CARTER • THERAPY? (ACOUSTIC) • SHARON SHANNON

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