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SANDÉ AND MURS WILL TOP THE BILL!

The Ministry of Culture is pleased to announce that Brit Award-winning Emeli Sandé will be headlining this year's Gibraltar Music Festival. Olly Murs – one of the most successful pop stars of the past decade – will also be performing at the Victoria Stadium on Saturday 7th September 2013.

Two further international acts are already confirmed: Level 42, a band with a career spanning five decades, and La Oreja de Van Gogh, a Latin Grammy-winning and Grammy-nominated Spanish pop band. More international acts will be added to the bill in the coming weeks.

Once again, the event will feature local musicians. Local acts interested in taking part should register their interest immediately at: gibraltarmusicfestival.com

The Gibraltar Music Festival is a celebration of a successful people who know how to work hard and have fun. The first was delivered by Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar (HMGOG) in a matter of months and its commitment to an annual 'Mega Concert' has been widely embraced by Gibraltarians.

Designed to be a family and disability-friendly event during Gibraltar's 'National Week' festivities, the Gibraltar Music Festival promises to once again create an atmosphere that impresses locals and visitors alike. After her memorable performance last year, Jessie J tweeted to 5.5 million followers: 'Wow wow wow wow wow wow #Gibraltar'.

HMGOG has again placed its trust in Word of Mouth and Axle Media to produce this September's event, which is already shaping up to be even bigger than last year's. On Saturday the 7th of September, doors will open at 12:00, with food, drink and entertainment available throughout the day.

Children aged 12 and under will again be allowed free entry, if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. In keeping with the increased number of international acts, ticket prices start at £50 for anyone aged 13 and over. Seated tickets are priced at £70 and VIP tickets £175. More details will soon be available at gibraltarmusicfestival.com and on the event's official Facebook page.

A limited number of 'Early Bird' tickets are available now at the reduced price of £40 from Music Corner and Vijay, both on Main Street.

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Notes for Editors:

EMELI SANDÉ

Emeli Sandé is a phenomenal talent; the 23-year-old outdid The Beatles earlier this year when she achieved the longest Top 10 run of all time with a debut album. "The fact that so many people connected to it and kept the album in the Top 10 is remarkable," she said.

The record-breaking *Our Version of Events* shows off Sandé's beautiful songwriting and soulful voice. Her love of Nina Simone, Joni Mitchell and Lauren Hill comes through on her soulful, melodic and powerful songs.

Sandé's award-winning, record-breaking debut album produced no less than nine top 10 singles. In May this year, she was the biggest winner at the prestigious Ivor Novello awards, scooping the coveted best song, musically and lyrically, award, and the most performed work award.

OLLY MURS

In just three years, Olly Murs has crafted three albums which have produced four No 1 singles (including the platinum-selling *Dance With Me Tonight* & latest no.1 smash hit *Troublemaker*), and a further three Top 20 hits. Along with Ed Sheeran and Example, Olly Murs is the only recent male solo star with a sell-out headline arena tour to his name, as well as becoming a fixture on the main stage of many festivals.

"Right Place Right Time as a title sums up my career to this point. I've worked hard in everything I've done, doing what's felt right, and everything has fit into place," says Murs.

LEVEL 42

The band was at their prime in the late 80's, but songs like *Lessons in Love*, *Running in the Family* and *Something About You* are classics that have stood the test of time. Their pop rock, jazz-funk is very easy to listen to.

They have six top 10 singles to their name, along with 11 hit albums and 31 million record sales. They're an extremely accomplished live band.

LA OREJA DE VAN GOGH

La Oreja de Van Gogh sing about love, friendship and relationships. The band from San Sebastian has sold more than eight million albums worldwide. They have five number one albums and 14 number one singles to date.

For the latest see www.gibraltarmusicfestival.com