

ARUNDEL FESTIVAL REVIEW 2006



The famous Arundel Festival attracts visitors from all over the world. The extensive grounds and parts of the Castle are used as a venue for everything from classical, rock and pop to drama and operetta.

In 2006 the Arundel Festival took a fresh new direction with some fantastic artists delivering the entertainment a festival should deliver to the whole community.



With head line acts Katherine Jenkins, Georgie Fame, Tina May and Texas the festival really did start and finish the way the organisers hoped for. With no rain, plenty of sunshine, a remarkable dogfight between a Messerschmitt and a Spitfire, a huge firework display to open the event what more could one want to compliment the various Fringe & Madfest festival events.

Theatre lovers were treated to Sir John Mortimer's memorable show in Barons Hall when barrister, playwright and creator of Rumpole of the Bailey presented stories and anecdotes from the legal world with poetry and music. Mortimer's Miscellany was sometimes serious, occasionally sad and mostly funny, woven together with music and delivered with relish and even a little devilment!

This was followed by operetta Die Fledermaus the most celebrated and popular operetta, melodious and exuberantly funny. This was a flirtatious evening which enthralled the packed Barons Hall in a wonderful setting, a truly memorable show.



Exuberantly funny, Die Fledermaus!



The fun, the excitement, the enjoyment, The Arundel Festival 2006



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In August 2007 the Arundel Festival will be celebrating its 30th year with more fireworks, concerts, drama and operetta. The organisers will again be offering something for everyone, "whether you are seven or 70".

MEDIA QUOTES/REVIEWS FROM 2006:

'Meandering down the hill we turned a corner to see a huge swathe of people colonising the lower lawns of floodlit Arundel Castle. Folding chairs, post-picnic, chilling out in a Pimm's-induced haze it was all a bit surreal with the lawns providing a natural, gentle amphitheatre. The venue was wrapped in dusk and the stage, framed by trees, looked like a distant magical grotto, a fine concert in a grand setting'

Anne Hill - Brighton Argus review: Aug 2006

Built nearly 1,000 years ago, Arundel Castle remains an awe-inspiring building, with a glorious location next to the river Arun and boasting 40 acres of sweeping grounds, a perfect setting to launch the new look Arundel Festival 2006.

Brighton Argus

'We were most impressed with the variety of entertainment provided by Arundel at this year's music festival. In particular the evening with Katherine Jenkins that started with the aerial display by a spitfire and a Messerschmitt and the brilliant fireworks at the end both complemented the music and provided great value for the audience'.

Jo Mitchell (BSKYB)

'Castle and community unite in a key year in the history of the Arundel Festival, a year which offers a top-class package of big names and local talent. A perfect night, a wonderful setting and the perfect pop concert meant a memorable last night for the new-format Castle concerts at this year's Arundel Festival.'

West Sussex Gazette Phil Hewitt

Did you see the fireworks, weren't they fantastic and doesn't the town look, sound and feel brilliant, thronged with people, filled with laughter, music and excitement.

Debbie Kennedy Arundel Diary

'A fine evening, unique romantic lawns setting and a minor miracle of organisation – the feeding of the 4,000 with an irresistibly dazzling selection of thrills, thrills and squeals. A stylish kick off indeed to the 10-day culture-fest.

West Sussex Gazette - Terry Timblick

Public Feedback

The Arundel Festival this year was absolutely superb, I took my girlfriend out of London to see Texas on the Sunday evening and had a ball of a time. With champagne in our glasses, a sandwich on my lap it was all quite amazing in a unique setting with the Castle looming in the background. An exceptional evening for an outdoor concert, I will be back next year for the whole weekend.

Festival goer: Andy Gibson from Royal Tunbridge Wells

Myself and hubby ventured down the coast from Hastings to Arundel to see Texas live at the Castle on Sunday August 27th and had a smashing time. We ventured into the town first to hear some of the Fringe festival music and then onto the Castle for a wonderful evening. Well done to all the organisers, we will put it on the calendar for future years.

Festival goer: Tina Field from Hastings

*There is nothing better than hearing my idol Katherine Jenkins sing other than hearing her sing at a beautiful location. I was treated to Katherine in full voice in harmony with her surroundings which really echoed in the almost natural of amphitheatres. The wonderful acrobatic display by two world war two planes flying across the Castle turrets and grounds and a quite breathtaking firework display over the battlementsmore, more, more next year please. **Festival goer:** Jeff Scott from Havant*