

Live at Botanic Gardens

21, 22, 23, 27 and 28 June 2019

We at Aiken Promotions are writing to inform you that we will be promoting a series of concerts at the Great Lawn in Botanic Gardens on the following dates.

Friday 21 June	Picture This
Saturday 22 June	Picture This
Sunday 23 June	Van Morrison
Thursday 27 June	Bros
Friday 28 June	Summer Celebration (A Country Music Show)

Our 'set-up' commences on June 17th and will continue up to the last concert. Take down will commence immediately after the concert on the 28 June and continue through to July 1st.

The concerts will be held in the open air with music commencing at approximately 18.00 except for Friday 28 June when it will start at 17.30. All concerts will finish at approximately 22.30. The maximum attendance at any event is 4,990 persons.

These events are intended to expand the entertainment offer for people who live in the city and to encourage visitors. Botanic Gardens is a tremendous environmental and cultural facility that is an unknown gem to many people. It is hoped these events will increase its profile and usage.

We are aware that for any event, even in a secluded location, there is potential for some exceptional impact on those living and working in close proximity. Aiken Promotions will do everything possible, in consultation with our statutory partners, to limit any impact. For example:

- There will be no queuing necessary. The park will close to general public access as follows
21, 22, 23, 27 June 14.45
28 June 14.15
Patrons attending the events can queue inside the park from 17.00.
- The advice to patrons on getting to the events is to use public transport and we are working to promote the wide range of Translink services available. We will be strongly discouraging parking in the area.
- We have set up two dedicated means of contacting us if you have any concerns. These are:
Telephone: 07594256405
Email: residents@aikenpromotions.com
These services will be in operation from Monday 17 June until Sunday 30 June.
- Various advance multimedia announcements and publicity will also be in place well before the event to provide advice and information and to reinforce the parking arrangements.
- Security personnel will patrol the site and its environs.

The venue will be secured and patrolled by Eventsec Security personnel throughout the set-up arrangements and take down, as well as during each concert.

In preparation for the concerts, sound tests will take place at the following times:

20 June between 19.00 – 20.00

21, 22 and 23 June between 15.00 – 17.30

27 and 28 June between 13.00 – 14.00 and 16.00 – 17.00

Sound tests will not be continuous during the above times but are likely to be audible intermittently to allow equipment checks and to monitor sound travel from the venue.

The concert may generate music that may be heard in the surrounding area. As responsible event organisers, we will do everything possible to minimise noise disturbance and disruption to local residents. As part of the event you may also hear the announcements from the PA tannoy system. The PA may be audible particularly at the end of each event, but any announcements are required to relay essential information to the audience.

1. Audio Consultants are employed by us to manage sound levels.
2. Noise levels throughout the event will be continuously monitored in the surrounding neighbourhood.

If you have a query about noise and you wish to contact Belfast City Council to investigate further, you can contact the Noise Hotline on 02890373006.

Please note, when contacting the Noise Hotline, you may receive an automated message. This does not mean that your query will not be dealt with as Officers may be responding to other queries at the time of your call. Therefore, please leave your name, contact number and query and Officers will contact you as soon as they are available.

Please be assured that overall Management Plans for the event, together with arrangements for public access and security have been developed in consultation with the PSNI, Translink, relevant sections of Belfast City Council and other statutory bodies. It is also our intention to keep any disruption in the locality to a minimum.

Aiken Promotions and Belfast City Council will provide comprehensive cleansing operations within the immediate vicinity of the concert site immediately before, during and after the events.

Your business or residence has been identified as one which may experience some inconvenience and that is why you are being notified.

Thank you for your understanding co-operation and we look forward to a successful series of concerts.

Aiken Promotions