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www.bandstandevents.co.uk

Sunday Best and Bestival founder Rob da Bank and Vauxhall Corsa present an exciting new event to kick start summer's live music calendar.

Corsa presents Bandstand steered by Sunday Best is an eccentric, eclectic indoor festival, with much dressing up and letting down of hair. Centred around the sound and imagination of **Sunday Best**, one of the UK's leading independent record labels and party organisers, **Bandstand** is truly individual, totally different and a celebration of British musical exuberance and fun the weather can't spoil.

Bandstand started life as a reaction to British bandstands falling into disrepair, along with the success of the Bandstand at Bestival, itself a breeding ground for new music and talent. Now, thanks to a unique collaboration with Vauxhall Corsa, Bandstand has become a stand alone event in its own right with two shows, city focused, to take place this coming May. Bandstand launches in **London's Old Billingsgate**, an incredible Grade 2 listed building right next to the Thames on the 3rd May and then travels up to **Liverpool's** renowned **Carling Academy** the following weekend. With creative and programming from Sunday Best, together with Vauxhall Corsa they have developed a series of unique, truly British music and entertainment events.

Rob da Bank comments: "We love putting on outdoor festivals so we thought why not do one inside? In fact, let's do two! Bandstand is a very British, eccentric celebration of music, comedy and performance taking you to another world. We hope this is the start of a series of landmark musical events for the UK."

Bandstand is a celebration of Britain's musical creativity and the emphasis is on booking British talent. Rob da Bank has brought together an exciting line-up of some of the UK's finest live acts and DJ's, both established and new. Headlining both shows is **Mark Ronson**. Grammy winner, Brits winner, and London born, Mark Ronson's top billing at Bandstand is a unique opportunity to experience not only Ronson's critically acclaimed live show but also his lauded DJing skills. This is not to be missed. Joining Ronson at the Bandstand in both London and Liverpool will be the main man, Mr Bandstand himself Rob da Bank, **The Cuban Brothers**, who have been a fun element of Sunday Best's events for the last ten years, and Sunday Best's resident DJ's **Sombrero Sound System**.





In London, Radio 1's **Annie Mac** is set to rock the floor and show Bandstand why she is one of the breakthrough DJ's of the moment, the hotly-tipped youngsters **Late Of The Pier** perform live, while the inimitable **Greg's Greats** will spin a DJ set of 78rpm records. There will be further additions to be made to this refreshingly eclectic line-up in the coming weeks.

A week later, the Bandstand party transforms the Carling Academy in Liverpool. The European Capital of Culture 2008 will party to the sounds of DJ **Kissy Sell Out**, and live sets from Liverpool's very own hotly tipped newcomers **The Troubadours** and Sunday Best's teenage rockabilly siblings **Kitty, Daisy and Lewis**. Bandstand is set to reverberate to one of the first festival soundtracks around. Details about how you too could be on the bill are to be announced very soon.

Rob's better half, **Josie da Bank** is the creative director of Bandstand and she brings the same extraordinary level of production ingenuity and attention to detail that has made Bestival so special. Josie has even designed a special limited edition Corsa model car so you can put your car in its Sunday Best. The venues are to be transformed in the most unbelievable of ways to help make **Bandstand** a totally unique experience. In the Bandstand main stage arena, live acts and DJs perform in a traditional Bandstand setting surrounded by park benches, eccentric look-a-likes and paths leading off to different areas. Bandstand is bringing the outdoor experience indoors, so expect the unexpected.

In the **Alice In Wonderland** inspired room, CS Lewis meets a traditional English garden party with an upscale Mad Hatter's Tea Party; taste the unique cocktails by the creators of the Bollywood Bar experience at Bestival and immerse yourself in the wonder of White's Bar, inspired by the C'Mons character from the Corsa commercials. It will have a fancy dress funbox too (of course!), with lots of acting out of Alice In Wonderland themes. There is also the **Time Machine Disco**. A small and intimate party space with a DJ booth created from a time machine. DJs will make unannounced appearances, transporting you with nostalgic tunes. This is a room to keep your eye on, you never know what you may miss, what you may hear and who might pop in!

Mark Ronson comments: "I'm honoured to be asked to do the first ever Bandstand shows. I am a huge fan of all things Rob da Bank and Sunday Best, and if this indoor festival is a fraction as good as Bestival, it should be amazing."

Ticket Details

Tickets are £25 each plus booking fee and are available from www.bandstandevents.co.uk

Tickets go on sale on the 27th February. Tickets are to be released in phases. Register at www.bandstandevents.co.uk for the latest news and ticket release details.





Notes For Editors

Background:

Sunday Best - Sunday Best was founded by Rob da Bank over ten years ago as a small weekly Sunday party in the warm glow of South London's Tearooms Des Artistes based on a love of chill out, electronica and an anything goes musical policy. It set the blueprint for what is now one of the most respected leftfield clubs and record labels in the UK. In 1997 Rob da Bank wanted an outlet for some of the amazing music he was hearing... and so Sunday Best Recordings was born, unveiling then unknown acts Groove Armada, Bent and Lemon Jelly to the world via single releases and compilations. Today the label releases music by artists as diverse as Kitty Daisy & Lewis, Dub Pistols, The Cuban Brothers and Grand National, as well as Rob da Bank's own musical outfit Lazyboy, and a critically acclaimed compilation A to Z. Sunday Best has hosted parties in Ibiza, Miami and all over Europe, and in 2004 launched a boutique festival on the Isle of Wight titled Bestival. An annual award-winning event, it's the last festival of the summer. Bandstand is the next chapter in the Sunday Best development. www.sundaybest.net.

Venue Address and Transport:

London - Old Billingsgate, 1 Old Billingsgate Walk [off Lower Thames Street], London EC3R 6DX

Old Billingsgate is located in the City of London on the banks of the River Thames between Tower Bridge and London Bridge and within easy reach of the West End. It is exceedingly well served by public transport including both underground and mainline railway stations.

Liverpool - Carling Academy, 11-13 Hotham Street, Liverpool L3 5UF

Full travel information is available here - www.liverpool-academy.co.uk/travel

Opening Times:

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Access:

The venue is accessible for wheelchair users, with accessible toilets on-site.

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