

THE HENLEY FESTIVAL

Henley Festival is a boutique event taking place over five days celebrating the best of UK & international music and arts at a quintessential British location. It's a place to soak up the atmosphere and be entertained whilst experiencing a vibrant programme from pop to world music, classical to jazz, blues to jazz musicians, where art, comedy and gastronomy share equal billing with music.

Henley Festival began as an idea, by a few, in 1983, to bring music and culture to the town of Henley-on-Thames.

In 2017, this extraordinary Festival will bring artists of the highest calibre from all over the world, and draw an audience in excess of 30,000 to the most magical festival setting they will ever experience.

This year also sees us working in partnership with an array of charities, artists and creative thinkers, supporting collaboration between them, as they invent the cultural future.

We've come a long way since 1983 and we are excited about where we are going in the future.

Our current priorities are;

- To increase the impact of our organisation both on our audience and wider world.
- To grow our audience by continually innovating through creative programming that maintains the highest artistic standards.
- To improve financial resilience which will enable us to continue to offer and achieve our wider charitable goals.

Henley Festival is growing. Since 2015 our audience has increased by 40%, we've doubled the amount of music, comedy and art over the 5 nights and 20% of the Festival revenue is pumped directly back into the local economy through our grant initiative, working with local food and beverage suppliers and a core part of our music and art programme is from local talent.

OUR CHARITY

In 2017 Henley Festival and [The Children's Society](#) continue to work in partnership to bring the inspiration of the arts and vital support to many of the hundreds of thousands of children who care for their parents and family members.

Last year, the festival saw 100 young carers and their families, who often feel isolated, take a break from their daily duties to come and enjoy our [Family Day](#). The 'Hidden' photographic exhibition at the Festival exposed the unseen and often forgotten lives of children who selflessly dedicate their time to ensuring their family are cared for. We were delighted to welcome and offer work experience to young carers who were able to bring to life a handful of these powerful stories that lie behind 166,000 of Britain's closed doors.

2017 also see Henley Festival working with [Nomad](#) following a successful pilot programme in 2016. This will enable more primary school students to learn to play the ukulele. During this academic year two small groups of young people will directly benefit from this initiative. The lessons are taught by a qualified tutor and assisted by Nomad workers and are an extremely fun way to engage students in and learn a musical instrument.

At the end of the programme students will be gifted their ukulele as a way to encourage them to continue practicing. The lessons also aim to increase student self-confidence and communication skills.

We would like to thank the generosity of our [Patrons](#), [Friends](#), [Sponsors](#) and our audience for their kind donations which help further our work.

SUPPORT US

Henley Festival is a not for profit event with money from every ticket sale, membership, sponsorship and donation - plus all profits generated - given to local and national good causes.

There are many ways in which you can support Henley Festival, to allow us to continue staging the event and support our charity partners.

OUR CHARITY

We want to support imaginative people to nurture exciting ideas, widen access and participation in the arts, improve people's education and learning through the arts, and show that the arts makes a difference to people's lives.

OUR CHARITY

BECOME A FRIEND

We depend on committed audience members like you to help us to continue to grow the Festival. Become a friend of Henley Festival from just £35 a year and access priority ticket booking plus other exclusive benefits.

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BECOME A CORPORATE MEMBER

Corporate membership offers the opportunity for your company to benefit from an association with Henley Festival all year round. It is the ideal place to bring clients, employees and friends for a unique night out.

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BECOME A PATRON

The generous support of Henley Festival's Patrons enables us to present some of the best music and art from across the world. As a way of saying thank you to our Patrons, they enjoy exclusive benefits which bring them closer to Henley Festival.

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BECOME A SPONSOR

Henley Festival offers a fantastic range of corporate sponsorship and hospitality opportunities to suit any budget. Associate your brand with the Festival, whilst targeting our audience and enjoying unique hospitality opportunities.

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