

DORSET MOON

FEATURING LUKE JERRAM'S MUSEUM OF THE MOON

PRESS RELEASE

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Friday 28 – Sunday 30 June, St Peter's Church, Bournemouth

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 July, Sherborne Abbey

Friday 12 – Sunday 14 July, Nothe Fort, Weymouth

Free

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Dorset Moon, the summer season spectacle starring installation artist Luke Jerram's renowned *Museum of the Moon*, which opens in Bournemouth on Friday 28 June has moved inside to St Peter's Church.

By using the poplar trees to hang the Moon there are strict wind speed limitations and with the forecast being for a hot and breezy weekend this decision has been made in order to preserve the trees in Central Gardens, for public safety and to ensure everyone can still see the Moon over the whole weekend. The decision was made to move the monumental, seven-metre diameter moon sculpture, indoors to St Peter's Church in Hinton Road rather than lose the amazing opportunity to see an iconic work of art and the planned supporting programme.

Some minor changes have been made to the programme which is online at www.dorsetmoon.com.

To celebrate fifty years since the first moon landing Dorset Moon is happening in three locations across Dorset chosen to encapsulate the county's distinctive blend of coastal, rural and urban.

"This is a wonderful event and Dorset Moon is proud to be playing a part in marking one of the landmark moments in the development of mankind, but public safety has to be of paramount importance," says Dorset Moon producer Dom Kippin. "Moving the spectacle indoors means the show can still go on with the audience and the artwork and audiences safe."

After Bournemouth Dorset Moon is heading to Sherborne Abbey (5-7 July) and the Nothe Fort at Weymouth (12-14 July).

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Dorset Moon will also host Under the Moon, a series of performances and installations many of which are new commissions for Dorset Moon.

All Dorset Moon events are free. Full details at www.dorsetmoon.com.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Dorset Moon is produced by the Dorset Festivals Consortium: Inside Out Dorset (produced by Activate), b-side and Bournemouth Arts by the Sea. Commissioned by the Arts Development Company with funding from European Regional Development Fund and Arts Council England.

Museum of the Moon is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram. Measuring seven metres in diameter, the moon features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface. At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the moon's surface. Museum of the Moon allows us to observe and contemplate cultural similarities and differences around the world and consider the latest moon science. Depending on where the artwork is presented, its meaning and interpretation will shift. Through local research at each location of the artwork, new stories and meanings will be collected and compared from one presentation to the next.

LOCATIONS AND DATES

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 June **St Peter's Church in Hinton Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2EE**

Friday 5 July – Sunday 7 July **Sherborne Abbey, Sherborne**

Founded by St Aldhelm in AD705, the Abbey has developed from Saxon cathedral to the worshipping heart of a monastic community, and finally, to one of the most beautiful of England's parish churches. For many it is still the 'Cathedral of Dorset' and its Benedictine

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heritage lives on in the daily offering of prayer and praise.

Friday 12 July – Sunday 14 July **Nothe Fort, Weymouth**

Nothe Fort is now one of Weymouth's major attractions and a venue for a wide range of public events. You don't have to be a military enthusiast to enjoy your visit. It's a great day out for all the family with lots to see and explore. This weekend also sees the Nyetimber Dorset Seafood Festival return to this picturesque harbour town.

EVENT PARTNERS

The Arts Development Company

ADC believe the arts can transform and change people's lives for the better. They deliver creative projects with cross-sector partners, lobbying and influencing policy and strategy in the arts and supporting and developing the cultural infrastructure. Based in Dorset, they work nationally and across Dorset and the South West of England. They also work with UK networks and partnerships.

Activate and Inside Out Dorset

Inside Out Dorset is recognised across Europe for producing high quality international outdoor arts and specialising in siting work in the landscape as well as in its more urban locations in the programme. Produced by Dorset-based Activate Performing Arts, the festival seeks out and commissions extraordinary events in extraordinary places, transforming some of the county's most remarkable landscapes with exceptional experiences – most of which are free to attend.

Bournemouth Arts by the Sea

The Arts by the Sea festival is Bournemouth's annual celebration of culture, bringing an intriguing, exciting and carnivalesque mix of the arts to Bournemouth's unique and beautiful locations. The festival aims to increase opportunities for people to participate in the arts and enhance a sense of community, while supporting talented artists creating work that makes a real impact on the audience and the town. Diverse music, art and dance, site-specific installations and large-scale spectacles are all key to this festival. Most events are family friendly and free to attend.

b-side

b-side is an internationally recognised and locally loved arts organisation, producing unique, innovative and pioneering projects that connect artists with people and place. b-side supports artists to make site-responsive artwork in collaboration with communities encouraging artists and audiences to be playful, curious and open-minded. There is a b-side festival every two years on Portland bringing new, unique art to audiences from Dorset and

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beyond and sharing incredible stories about the Isle of Portland with the rest of the world. As well as the festival b-side co-ordinates a year-round programme of projects for artists, young people and Dorset residents to help empower communities and individuals to experience and value creativity and its vital role within well-being, education, place making and the local economy. b-side is part of Arts Council England's National Portfolio.

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