



BIG IN FALKIRK: 'BEST EVER'

Big in Falkirk, Scotland's National Street arts Festival, returned with an excellent Real Radio and Scottish Sun Music Stage Line-up playing to record crowds in Callendar Park, Falkirk

Headliners including Heather Small, Steve Brookstein, Tony Christie and Les Mckeown's Legendary Bay City Rollers joined a packed programme of Street Theatre, Comedy, Art and spectacular Pyrotechnics.

Falkirk Provost Jim Johnston said:

"Yet again the reaction to Big in Falkirk has been fantastic with visitors from across the country enjoying two days of fabulous entertainment.

"Big in Falkirk has rapidly established itself as one of the country's foremost arts events and we are delighted that the crowds experienced some of the most exciting street theatre in Europe."

Jay Crawford, Programme Director, Real Radio Scotland, said:

"Another successful year at Callender Park, I must say I was surprised at the large crowd on Sunday. When I saw the weather I thought we might struggle but we had a wonderful day with over 20,000 there for Tony Christie. My

personal favourites of the weekend were Freefaller, they ended up playing on both days and besides being a great live act, the boys were fantastic to work with, really nice guys and I wish them every success with their new single out this week.

"The Real Radio DJ's all enjoyed the weekend and worked very hard on stage to keep the crowd happy between the bands. Big thanks also to Falkirk Council for their backing and support."

Neil Butler, Big in Falkirk Festival Director, said:

"With more visitors than ever before from throughout the UK in Callendar Park, this has been the most successful Big in Falkirk yet. Heather Small and Tony Christie had over 15,000 people dancing in front of the Real Radio and Scottish Sun Live Music Stage.

"Producers travelled from across Europe to see the program of world class theatre and cutting edge entertainment playing to packed audiences.

"One of the key highlights was the sight of a massive flock of birds floating into the night sky over Calendar House as Plasticiens Volants performed to delight an audience of thousands."

Notes to editor:

- Big in Falkirk, Scotland's National Street Arts Festival, took place on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May.
- Big in Falkirk is a partnership between: Falkirk Council, UZ Events and BP Grangemouth
- Further information on Big in Falkirk 2005 is available at www.biginfalkirk.com

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