

PRESS RELEASE

Performers delighted as 12,000 enjoy first Celebrating Surrey festival at Loseley Park

Guildford, 5th July 2010. Artists and performers enjoyed a grand success at the recent Celebrating Surrey weekend at Loseley Park.

12,000 people attended the festival, which included dance, school bands, rock groups, bell ringers, jewellery designers, acrobats, story-tellers and actors.

Tryphaena Mcallister of Guildford Neighbourhood Youth Development, said: "It's been fun and a wonderful opportunity for the public to see what's going on in Surrey for all age groups.

"The young people who've come to us here have really enjoyed the drumming, stilt walking and painting."

Mr Zhuyao Zhang, chairman of the Woking Chinese Association, observed: "It's definitely been worthwhile as the environment is very good and everyone has come for a good time.

This is a first here at Loseley Park and local people visiting our tent have been able to learn to paint and write and dance, and it's been nice to give them a tiny taste of Chinese culture. Other groups have been putting on a good show too."

Geoff Lawson, director of The Powerhouse Theatre Company, was also upbeat. "We'd definitely come here again. The general ambience is fantastic and there's a nice friendly family atmosphere."

At The Ambient Lounge, director Craig Hills added: "Loseley Park's a fantastic venue. It's beautiful with good access and for a first time festival, they've done incredibly well."

Loseley owner, Michael More-Molyneux, concluded: "It was really an extraordinary two days and we were delighted to be part of what was, without doubt, the greatest single celebration ever held of Surrey's arts and creativity."

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