

PRESS RELEASE

Flemish music festivals rock the region!

Famed for its beer, chips and chocolate, but it's not just good food and drink that draws the crowds to Flanders. Every year, the region attracts some of the world's greatest artists to its various festivals, parties and concerts. Drawn by the relative proximity to the UK, it is the ease of travelling to concerts without the enormous crowds that similar concerts attract here in the UK, which make the Flemish festivals so popular. Ranging in size, they cater to all tastes and musical genres.

The concert line up for 2010 include:-

Dranouter aan zee

The "seaside" version of Folk Dranouter on the beach at De Panne and perfectly suited for beach-seeking music fans. Acts lined up for the show include The Proclaimers and daily rates can be pre-booked for just €30. Ideally suited just 40 minutes from Calais and 15 minutes from Dunkirk, De Panne can be visited via cross channel services in just a day. <http://www.dranouteraanzee.be/>
24 – 25 April 2010
De Panne

Graspop

Features real hard core metal groups, but is very popular amongst young people who aren't necessarily hard core fans! Motorhead, Slayer and Channel Zero are just some of the bands forming the line-up. <http://www.graspop.be/2010/en/index.html>
25-26-27 June 2010
Dessel

Couleur Café

A music Festival dedicated to all genres of urban music across the world, held in the heart of Brussels. The venue at Tour and Taxis will host international bands on three music marquees and an open-air stage. The show started in 1990 and now attracts over 70,000 visitors over its 3 day duration. http://www.couleurcafe.be/cc10_presite/
25 – 26 – 27 June 2010
Brussel

Rock Werchter

Belgium's biggest festival and once voted best festival in the world. The summer-opening festival where literally everyone goes. Green Day, Pink, Pearl Jam, Stereophonics and Faithless have already been confirmed. www.rockwerchter.be
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 July 2010
Werchter (Leuven)

Cactusfestival

Has won the first European Festival Award in the category small festivals. The 2010 concert will feature Elvis Costello and the Sugar Canes, Tori Amos and Macy Gray. <http://www.cactusfestival.be/>
10-11 July 2010.
Bruges

Pole Pole Gent

Takes place during the Ghent Festivities, and has a stage that is built over the water at the Graslei. Many international bands, but not necessarily big names. It's all about the atmosphere and cocktails on offer! <http://www.polepole.be/en/>

17 – 26 July 2010

Ghent

Sfinks festival

This started out as a small folk music get-together at the local school park in Boechout. Today, it is one of the most sought-after events of the summer for world music lovers. Past visitors have included giants of world music such as Youssou N'Dour, Gilberto Gil, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Cheb Khaled and Femi Kuti.

<http://www.sfinks.be/home.php>

30th July – 1st August 2010

Boechout (Antwerp)

Folkfestival Dranouter

This is a popular up and coming concert. Famous artists who have performed previous years are Jamie Cullum, Flogging Molly, Tori Amos and Lambchop.

<http://www.folkdranouter.be/>

5-8 August 2010

Dranouter

Pukkelpop

The last festival of the summer concerts, Pukkelpop attracts thousands of visitors to its site near the city of Hasselt. The festival features approximately 200 live acts on its 8 different stages is very popular amongst the younger audience. This year's acts include Iron Maiden, The Prodigy, Blink -182 and the Kooks. Rumour has it that Green Day might be performing but that is yet to be confirmed. This year will mark

Pukkelpop's 25th anniversary! <http://www.pukkelpop.be/en/>

19-20-21 August 2010

Kiewit (Hasselt)

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