

# HORSE PLAY >> Lifestyle guide for equine lovers

## Live racing and music at Leopardstown

**F**OR the fifth summer Bulmers Live at Leopardstown is set to bring you a superb night at the races followed by some of the best live Irish and international music. The eight acts booked include The Happy Mondays and Bressie, and are set to provide a vibrant party atmosphere. Offering a fantastic night out for individuals, groups and friends, this package of great food, drink and a huge variety of on-site entertainment is available for only €15.

Kicking off the series on Thursday, June 13th are Riptide Movement, followed on Thursdays by Hudson Taylor (June 20th) Original Rudeboys (July 4th), Ryan Sheridan (July 11th), Hot House Flowers (July 18th), Ash (July 25th) Bressie (August 8th) and The Happy Mondays (August 15th).

There are 56 races scheduled throughout the summer with group races at almost every meeting and prize money totalling some €1.2 million. Many horse racing stars have emerged from previous meetings, the most notable recent star being last year's Horse of the Year, Camelot. He won his maiden at Leopardstown in July 2011 before going on to win the 2000 Guineas and the Irish and English Derby double. This year Leopardstown has

added two premier handicaps valued at €100,000 each to the programme, which is sure to add to the excitement.

Whether you're a first time racegoer or a regular, you will find some thrilling summer racing and top live acts to entertain you. Racing kicks off at about 6pm each evening, with the last race approximately three hours later followed by the live concert.

Leopardstown Racecourse Commercial Manager, Ciaran Conroy, said: "We've been mindful again of our ticket price and are very happy to be able to offer top quality racing and a live music concert for a cover charge of only €15. There really is no other event like it over the summer." Leopardstown is only 20 minutes from Dublin city centre on the Luas green line with dedicated shuttle buses running from the Sandyford stop. For car users it located off exit 14 or exit 15 on the M50 southbound or exit 15 northbound. There is ample free parking available.

There are discounts for advance group bookings online – go to [www.bulmerslive-atleopardstown.com](http://www.bulmerslive-atleopardstown.com) or call the Leopardstown ticket line on 01 289 0500 for hospitality options. Other ticket outlets include [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) or select Supervalu and Centra stores.

## Stunning equine exhibition in London

If you find yourself in London anytime between now and May 17th, give yourself a treat and head to the Osborne Studio Gallery at 2, Motcomb Street, London SW1X 8JU.

There you will see a wonderfully vibrant collection of work by six leading international equestrian artists titled *Impressions of the Turf*.

### DIFFERING STYLES

The six artists all display differing styles and one of the group, Charlie Langton, has been dubbed 'the golden boy of equine art'. He is known for his life-size bronze of Yeats which was unveiled at Royal Ascot in 2011. His bronze titled Prancing Mare is simply stunning.

Katie O'Sullivan, Terence Gilbert, Elie Lambert and Hubert de Watrigant are all household names and their work is very well known, while Mao Wen Biao is an artist with a distinctive mastery of putting speed on canvas. His oil on canvas *Forging Clear* is a work that deserves the closest scrutiny.

More information on the exhibition is on [www.osg.uk.com](http://www.osg.uk.com)



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