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## Local music scene gets huge boost from arts festival

**Andy Hankdog + Koasound + Freddie and the Hoares + Felix Fables + Nikki Murray + Patricia Hammond and The Ragtime Parlour Band + The Peryls + The Lovebirds + The Hipster Ray**

Main event: Saturday, August 13  
Westow Park, Crystal Palace, SE19

The Crystal Palace Overground Festival returns to Crystal Palace next month (10-13 August 2011) to host the best local bands and up-and-coming music talent from the region.

The festival, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year is supported by local music luminaries Antenna Studios and Respect Music, to present a programme which showcases an eclectic mix from ska and punk through to reggae and folk.

Sharon Dean, Director of Respect Music, a music publisher based in Crystal Palace and a board member of the Association for Independent Music (AIM) is supporting the festival with her roster of artists on Saturday, August 13 on the outdoor live music stage at Westow Park.

"I am delighted that the Crystal Palace Overground Festival is supporting independent music," said Sharon. "I'm really looking forward to this being the first of many great music events in this vibrant community."

Antenna Studios, established in 2001, and home to rehearsal studios and a roster of tenants which includes Dickinson Amps, commissioned by the likes of Muse and Brian Eno, are also closely involved in the festival. The team are providing sound engineering for the Antenna stage in Westow Park.

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"We are delighted to be involved in the Crystal Palace Overground Festival," said Jakob Kaye, Managing Director of Antenna Studios. "We are really impressed with the positive attitude of the organisers and we think it will be a wonderful day for the community."

But the music does not stop in Westow Park. Local pubs Westow House, The White Hart, Gautama and the Grape & Grain are already well-established as music venues in the region and they are pulling out all the stops with a packed programme of DJs and live music well into the night.

"Live music is an intrinsic part of Crystal Palace and I have seen some pretty memorable gigs here, not least the Hipster Ray rocking St John the Evangelist Church last October and the fabulous soulstress Jocelyn Brown," said lead festival organiser Noreen Meehan. "You don't need to leave the Crystal Palace Triangle to have some very special nights out with local bands such as The Lovebirds, The Peryls and The No Frills Band."

For the full line up, visit the festival website at [www.crystalpalacefestival.org](http://www.crystalpalacefestival.org)

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