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## Carter USM frontman to open 6th Crystal Palace Overground Festival

Streatham born writer and musician Jim Bob, best known as the singer of indie band Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine, will open the 6th Crystal Palace Overground Festival.

The well-known author and Carter USM lead man will officially open the main day of the festival, Saturday, June 16, at 3pm from the Antenna music stage in Westow Park, Crystal Palace. The festival starts at 11am.

"I've never lived more than a couple of miles away from the Palace," said Jim. "I was born in Streatham but I've been in Crystal Palace for years. It's changed massively. I think for the better. I like Crystal Palace at the weekend when it becomes a bit like a busy village."

Outside of Carter Jim Bob has had a long and varied solo career which includes writing songs for Ian Dury and for the 2006 Barbican production of Mark Ravenhill's *Dick Whittington & His Cat* and in 2010 he made his Edinburgh Fringe debut in the Ward and White musical *Gutted, A Revenger's Musical*.

"We're thrilled to bits to have Jim Bob appear at and support our festival," said festival director Noreen Meehan. "Last year we were lucky enough to get the brilliant Mr Mark Steel, @mrmarksteel, who we hope to spot in the crowd on the day!"

The FREE 4-day festival will take place round the Crystal Palace Triangle (13-16 June, 2012) with events running in the week leading up to and during the main event itself at Westow Park (June 16).

- ***iPhone, iPad and iTouch users can download a FREE festival app from the iTunes store. Featuring general information, an interactive map pin-pointing where events are taking place and listings by artists and venues for the 4 days of the festival.***

For the full programme of events, visit the festival website  
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### **About the Crystal Palace Overground Festival** **[www.crystalpalacefestival.org](http://www.crystalpalacefestival.org)**

Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, The Crystal Palace Overground Festival has gone from strength to strength with over 4,000 people attending last year's event.

The 4-day FREE family friendly festival aims to create a platform for the many creative and diverse people, musicians, traders and artists of Crystal Palace, and will showcase all that is great about Crystal Palace to visitors from across London, and beyond!

### **About Jim Bob** **[www.jim-bob.co.uk](http://www.jim-bob.co.uk)**

Jim Bob used to be, and occasionally still is, in the band Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine. With Carter he would have 14 top 40 singles and a number one album, selling over one million records and touring the world. Jim's autobiography *Goodnight Jim Bob – On The Road With Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine* was published by Cherry Red Books in 2004 to critical acclaim. He is also a solo singer and an author. His latest novel, *Driving Jarvis Ham*, was published by The Friday Project (Harper Collins) in May 2012.

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