

British artists Sarah Brightman and Anathema will pay tribute to Stephen Hawking at Tenerife's Starmus Festival III

Music and astronomy join forces in Tenerife 27 June – 2 July



29th April 2016 – As well as bringing together the world's leading space travellers, stargazers and astrophysicists, Tenerife's [Starmus Festival III](#) (27th June – 2nd July 2016) will also feature a music extravaganza with a strong British influence. English artist and UNESCO ambassador Sarah Brightman and Liverpool progressive rock band Anathema will both play at the third edition of the festival, which will pay tribute to Prof. Stephen Hawking.

Starmus Festival is an event where adults and children alike can discover the wonders of the Cosmos through science, art and music. Themed *Beyond the Horizon – Tribute to Stephen Hawking*, the 2016 event will pay tribute to the career of the legendary theoretical physicist and will also see the launch of the *Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication*, which will recognise the work of those who help promote science, through different disciplines, to the general public.

Together with Sarah Brightman and Anathema, Starmus Festival III will also host performances from the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra and from German composer Hans Zimmer, who won an Oscar for his work in the film *The Lion King* (1995). This adds to a comprehensive programme of events, roundtables and talks from leading personalities including musician and astronomer Dr. Brian May, Russian cosmonaut Alexei Leonov (who became the first human to make a 'space walk' in 1965), English chemist Harry Kroto (Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry 1996) and physicist Eric Betzig (Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry 2014), amongst many others.

Two of the festival's most popular activities, "Ask Hawking" and the "Teide Star Party", will also take place this year. Attendees will be able to ask questions to Prof. Stephen Hawking himself during the "Ask Hawking" session; and they will broaden their knowledge of stars and constellations at the "Teide Star Party", a magical evening of stargazing at the UNESCO-listed Teide National Park – named a Starlight Tourist Destination in 2013.

Supported by the Tenerife Island Government and sponsored by the Tenerife Tourism Corporation and the Canary Islands Government, Starmus Festival is the brainchild of Garik Israelian, an astrophysicist at the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands. Prof. Stephen Hawking, Dr. Brian May and Alexei Leonov also sit on the scientific advisory board.



The full programme and delegate package costs can be found at www.starmus.com

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About Tenerife

Tenerife is the largest of the Canary Islands and one of the most popular and easily accessible holiday destinations for UK travellers. Guaranteed sunshine, diverse landscapes, idyllic beaches and charming villages make the island an ideal holiday choice all year round, while its vast array of fantastic activities, from year-round whale watching and stargazing on Spain's tallest peak to caving adventures inside Europe's largest lava tubes, ensure that the island's variety of experiences are as unforgettable as its flavours and friendly people.

For general tourism information on Tenerife, please visit: www.webtenerife.co.uk

For more information about the Starmus Festival, please visit: www.starmus.com

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