

Prof. Stephen Hawking, Brian May and Nobel Prize winners to gather in Tenerife for Starmus Festival III, 27 June – 2 July

Full programme of Starmus Festival III now revealed!



24th May 2016 – One of Tenerife’s most long-awaited festivals, [Starmus Festival III](#), has just unveiled its events programme, including the presence of leading personalities including Prof. Stephen Hawking, Dr. Brian May and many Nobel Prize winners; the launch of the *Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication*; and a ‘Sonic Universe’ concert by English artist Sarah Brightman and the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra. The Starmus Festival III will take place between 27th June and 2nd July 2016 at the Mare Nostrum Resort complex in Playa de las Américas.

Prof. Stephen Hawking will be the real ‘star’ of Starmus Festival III, themed *Beyond the Horizon – Tribute to Stephen Hawking*. The theoretical physicist will not only answer questions from the general public at the *Ask Hawking* event, but the legendary man himself will also launch the *Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication*, in recognition of those whose work contributes to scientific dissemination through different disciplines.

Lead guitarist of Queen and astronomer Dr. Brian May will also be attending the science and astronomy extravaganza – he will be performing together with rock legend Rick Wakeman. One of the festival’s main music events will be the ‘Sonic Universe’ concert – a unique show which will take guests on a journey through space with performances by English soprano and songwriter Sarah Brightman and the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, widely regarded as one of the best in Spain.

Starmus Festival III will also bring together a total of eleven Nobel Prize laureates in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine and Economics – including Robert Wilson and David Gross, Nobel Prize winners in Physics in 1978 and 2004, respectively; Eric Betzig, Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry 2014; biologists Carol Greider and Elizabeth Blackburn, who shared a Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2009; and Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize winner in Economics 2001, amongst others. All of them will address global issues, such as the effects of climate change and inequalities in economic growth, in a wide variety of roundtables which take place at the Pirámide de Arona, the festival’s headquarters.



Mr. Carlos Alonso, President of the Tenerife Island Government, said: “We are delighted to host this important event in Tenerife once again and hope that the meeting of all these top figures in one of the world’s best places for stargazing will inspire many other people to visit us and discover our wonderful island.”

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 Canary Islands Astrophysics Institute. Prof. Stephen Hawking, Dr. Brian May and cosmonaut 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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