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**British music superstar John Newman to headline Curious, the  
UK's most eclectic festival**

**[www.curiousartsfestival.com](http://www.curiousartsfestival.com)**

**20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, New Forest**

Chart topping singer songwriter John Newman will headline Saturday's music line up at the Curious Arts Festival which, following last year's surprise duet when Birdy joined 2017 headliner Tom Odell, is fast becoming a must-do festival of the summer.

The performance will be one of the first in a while by Brit Award nominated John whose breakthrough hit 'Love Me Again' shot to no.1 in July 2013 to be followed up by 'Come and Get it' from his acclaimed second album Revolve. With a new single rumoured for release next month, John's return to form is set to delight fans who have clocked up over 38 million YouTube hits on the video for 'Come and Get it' alone.

The music also sees OUTLYA, FLYTE, HMS SWEET CHARITY and RAZORLIGHT'S front man Gus Robertson bring his GREAT BRAIN ROBBERY collective to the magical Solent-side setting and stunning backdrop of Pylewell House.

It runs alongside a literary programme featuring among many others ADAM KAY, LEMN SISSAY, and RUSSELL NORMAN, and a comedy line up of the UK's leading stand up and sketch show talents from TV and radio.

In 2018 the capacity remains at 5,000. Small IS beautiful! And the atmosphere will be as dreamy and eccentric as ever. You might find yourself learning how to write a Petrarchan sonnet, losing your life-savings at Black-Jack, creating a vintage doll's house from scratch or joining a LOVE workshop among many other offerings and experiences.

Expect illuminating adventures, lively literary chat, breakfast briefings on the day's news, cocktail masterclasses, cartoon clubs, the return of MJ's pop-up choir, a fine array of food providers, fireworks and of course the festival would not be complete without its annual cricket match: The Authors X1 play Pylewell Park in what will be a hotly contested match. The score currently stands at 2-2 and whoever wins this match will win the series.

Children's events include puppetry, pop up theatre events, story-telling and journalism workshops as well as comedy for kids.

The festival will take place from 20th to 22nd July 2018. Full price weekend tickets are £128, with children over 5 and over at just £23. Children under 5 are free. Early-bird weekend tickets (£103 adult, £225 family) are now on sale at [www.curiousartsfestival.com](http://www.curiousartsfestival.com).

Dogs on leads are welcome. Camping is FREE and GLAMPING options can be booked from March.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **About the Curious Arts Festival**

The Curious Arts Festival at Pylewell Park, 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July (Friday to Sunday).  
[www.curiousartsfestival.com](http://www.curiousartsfestival.com)

### **Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.curiousartsfestival.com](http://www.curiousartsfestival.com)

### **About Pylewell Park**

Pylewell Park is home to the Hon David and Melanie Roper-Curzon. Positioned on the south coast in the New Forest with a large agricultural and sporting estate, the house sits majestically surrounded by traditionally laid out parkland with unrivalled panoramic views over the Solent along the South coast. The sea serves as a stunning backdrop to the grounds, which include 27 acres of pleasure gardens and a 15-acre lake. [www.pylewellpark.com](http://www.pylewellpark.com)

### **About John Newman**

**John Newman** is an English musician, singer, songwriter and record producer. At the age of 20 he was signed to Island Records. He has had number one hits with, *Love Me Again* and Rudimental's *Feel the Love*, which he co-wrote and sang on. He also featured on the Calvin Harris single 'Blame' which topped the UK charts. He's been nominated for three Brit Awards and has sold over 1.3 million records in the UK alone. In July 2016, Newman released the song, *Olé*, as the lead single from a forthcoming third studio album.