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RODDY WOOMBLE HEADLINES AT UPSIDE DOON MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Upside Doon returns for third year in Alloway on Saturday June 23
- Festival held in the gardens of the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Indie folk star Roddy Woomble to headline the family-friendly festival

Headlined by Idlewild's Roddy Woomble playing a solo set, the Upside Doon Music Festival returns to the gardens of the National Trust for Scotland's Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway on Saturday June 23.

Talking about playing the Upside Doon, Roddy said: "I'm from Ayrshire and I was born just down the road from the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum so it's a hometown gig for me. I'm a huge Burns fan as he's an emblem of what's good about Scotland. He's a master of language and I'm a romantic like he was.

"I'm all set for Upside Doon. I love a festival that's smaller and boutique. In the past, Idlewild toured with the Rolling Stones, U2 and REM, but solo I just play wee gigs on my own and I love it. My own solo career is quite low key and under the radar so I'm really looking forward to this."

After launching in 2016, Upside Doon is the National Trust for Scotland's only regular outdoor music festival. Held in the atmospheric gardens of the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum the family-friendly festival doubled in size last year, and is on track to be a success in 2018.

Created and curated by Robert Burns Birthplace Museum's Claire Grant, the festival is a refreshing mix of Scottish and local acts. Last year Mull Historical Society headlined while Fence Record's King Creosote (who called the Upside Doon a "welcoming, friendly festival to play") topped the bill the year before.

Joining Roddy on the bill is Glasgow's Mercury Nominated, C Duncan. The musician, multi-instrumentalist and graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland released his album, *Midnight Sun*, in 2016 and has spent the last year touring with Elbow.

C Duncan finds it hard not to be influenced by the romance in Burns' music and said: "Burns' songs are what I grew up with. They're so beautiful and you can't help but be inspired by something so overtly romantic."

After wow-ing at Upside Doon last year, West Dunbartonshire six-piece Have Mercy Las Vegas are back in Alloway playing their trademark mix of folk-blues Americana. Their blisteringly tight musicianship and perfectly interlaced harmonies went down a treat last year and they're a welcome return to the festival.

They'll be joined on the bill by pop/rock band, Patersani, fronted by brothers Craig and Dave Paterson and Anna Sweeney who crosses genres between pop, blues and country and has

been likened to Taylor Swift, HAIM, and Joni Mitchell. Look out too for Sophie Rogers and her Caledonia soul with a folk/pop edge.

Completing the line-up is Glasgow's Brownbear, the musical collective led by singer/songwriter Matt Hickman. The group released their debut single 'Dead or Alive' in 2016 and have since toured with The Libertines and The View.

Just an hour from Glasgow by train, the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum is a cultural hub in Ayrshire, bringing the best in art, music and literature to the public. Generously supported by the Scottish Government and the Heritage Lottery Fund, the museum commemorates the life and works of Robert Burns.

Listings details:

Event: Upside Doon

Date: 23/6/18

Times: 4pm to 11pm

Address: Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Murdoch's Lone, Alloway, Ayr KA7 4PQ

Tel: 01292 443 700

Tickets: Adult £18.50, child £15, family £60.

Online ticket sales: <https://nts.cloudvenue.co.uk/upsidedoon>

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