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PRESS RELEASE

Wordsmiths' Spake Out for Women's Rights

The Women's Chainmakers' Festival 2006
Saturday 16th September

Black Country voices are in fine fettle and a bostin line up of home-grown talent treads the boards at the second Women Chainmakers' Festival at the Black Country Living Museum on Saturday 16th September.

A medley of Black Country musicians will be hitting the right note with audiences and include veteran of the Midland's folk scene, Stourbridge singer-songwriter Pete Boddis - close your eyes and you could be in Nashville!

Toe-tapping tunes and heavenly harmonies are on the menu with dynamic duo Chris Ashley and Niven Smith aka Beechwood and songs to tug at the heart strings come from bright new talent Alan Neilson. A taste of the country comes from Yvonne Parkes who will be strumming her own style of high mountain americana music.

Self-proclaimed Bard of the Black Country – Billy Spakemon waxes lyrical about times past and his bostin' brand of alternative poetry trips off the tongue like waerter off a ducks back. Stourbridge storyteller and poet Carol Midwood delivers words of wisdom with a Black Country twist whilst Yorkshire bred but Black Country adopted Sue Hulse, much-loved veteran entertainer John Edgar and champion of Black Country literature Greg

Stokes take performance storytelling to new heights.

Tipton's Keith Whitehouse, described as the Bing Crosby of the Black Country, ba ba ba booms the crowds with a storytelling style reminiscent of the old smoke-rooms and tells illuminating tales of rock and roll nights.

The story of Mary Macarthur and the 1910 Chainmakers Strike will be brought to life with theatre groups, historic re-enactments and folk bands. The highlight of the day will be a re-enactment of the strike march when the women walk to victory once more!

Admission price £6 for adults and £3 for children and concessions

Group bookings discount available for groups of ten at £54 for ten tickets.

(10 for the price of 9)

Tickets obtainable from Dudley Booking Office Tel: 01384 812812 or Lynn Sinclair on 0121 521 5690.

Photo Opportunities

Image attached.

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The Museum is only three miles from Junction 2 of the M5 Motorway, and five miles from junction 10 of the M6 and is easily accessible from the Midlands Motorway network.