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PRESS RELEASE

Festival Signs Up Headline Act Saturday 12th September

Robb Johnson, one of the finest singer/songwriters working in the UK today, along with his band the Irregulars will be this year's headline act at the Women Chainmakers' Festival which takes place on Saturday 12th September, 2009 at the Black Country Living Museum.

Robb and the Irregulars were voted the Daily Telegraph's Folk Album of 1998 and Johnson is recognised by many as "Britain's finest songwriter of the last decade" for songs that are "incisive, clever and witty and you can sing them on your way to work". Together with the Irregulars Johnson plays solid no-nonsense rock ballads with a folk edge and counts former cabinet minister, Tony Benn, amongst his fans.

The Women Chainmakers' Festival is the only event in the country specifically celebrating the achievement of women in the workplace. Mary Macarthur's vision and the 1910 'Lock Out' by the women chainmakers was an historically significant moment, focusing the world's attention upon the country's lowest paid workers. The women's landmark victory laid the legislative foundation upon which today's national minimum wage is built. It also led to the building

of the Cradley Heath Worker's Institute which was saved from demolition and has been rebuilt at the Black Country Living Museum.

Emma Middleton, Marketing Manager said: "The Black Country Living Museum is delighted to welcome Robb and the Irregulars to the Women Chainmakers' Festival and we very much hope it will be the first of many visits. The Festival aims to continue the Macarthur vision and promote, support and inspire the positive role of women in the workforce. Robb and the Irregulars will bring a new dimension to celebrating the 1910 women chainmakers' dispute."

Tickets are available through the Museum's Booking Office on Tel: 0121 520 8054. Booking Office opening times are Monday - Friday 10am until 4.00pm. Tickets cost: £12.95 adults, £10.50 Senior Citizens, £6.95 Children.

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