

MARLAY PARK CONCERTS & LONGITUDE 2023
SUMMARY SAFETY STATEMENT INC SHORT RISK ASSESSMENT

The Risk Assessment for Marlay Park Concerts & Longitude 2023 will be drawn up with reference to the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Musical Events, 1996 as well as our own experience of these and other events in previous years.

We will continue to update and revise the risk assessment and where appropriate will use our contractor's risk assessments as a reference, in order to ensure that the risk assessment is appropriate for the Marlay Park Concerts & Longitude 2023.

We have also referred to the section on risk minimisation from the PAS 51:2004 paper - Guide to Industry Best Practice for Organising Outdoor Events which sums up our planning and working practice –

1. Design – designing the risks out, or mitigating them wherever possible
2. Planning – ensuring that risks that cannot be designed out are controlled, and that there is coordination and cooperation between contractors
3. Information – ensuring that all event personnel know the site risks and limitations via our contract with them and also the site rules which are posted around site.
4. Selection – appointing only competent contractors who use trained personnel
5. Methodology – obtaining and vetting method statements and risk assessments
6. Control – only allowing authorised persons on site; enforcing rules
7. Prioritisation – concentrating on what could cause the most significant damage, particularly to people
8. Monitoring – ensuring that plans are implemented, and that problems, accidents and incidents are reported
9. Reviewing and recording – ensuring that lessons are learnt for the next time. *Each event is reviewed post event and improvement points are fed into the planning of subsequent events.*

NATURE OF THE EVENT

The event comprises of three standalone single stage open air concerts and Longitude which is a three-day multistage music and arts festival.

Bars will be provided at the event. The products available for each of the events will be agreed in advance with An Garda Síochána. Security personnel will be provided at the bars to:

- Control and restrict the supply of alcohol to underage persons
- Ensure that persons deemed intoxicated are not admitted into the queuing system
- Manage the queuing system and flow of people to the bar serving counter

HISTORY OF EVENTS IN MARLAY PARK

Festival Republic Dublin on behalf of MCD Productions Ltd have organised the following events in Marlay Park.

2013

Longitude - 19th – 21st July 2013

2014

Marlay Park Concerts 2014

Sunday 29th June - Arcade Fire

Wednesday 2nd July - Kanye West

Friday 4th July - Kings of Leon

Thursday 10th July - Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Saturday 12th July - Arctic Monkeys

Longitude - Friday 18th – Sunday 20th July 2014

2015

Marlay Park Concerts 2015

Friday 3rd July - Avicii

Saturday 4th July - Paolo Nutini

Longitude – Friday 17th – Sunday 19th July 2015

2016

Marlay Park Concerts 2016

Friday 8th July – Kodaline

Saturday 9th July – Stone Roses

Longitude – Friday 15th – Sunday 17th July 2016

2017

Longitude – Friday 14th – Sunday 16th July 2017

2018

Marlay Park Concerts 2018

Sunday 8th July – Queen

Thursday 12th July – Bruno Mars

Longitude – Friday 13th – Sunday 15th July 2018

2019

Longitude – Friday 5th – Sunday 7th July 2019

2020 – RESCHEDULED

Marlay Park Concerts 2020

Saturday 27th June – Guns & Roses

Longitude – Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2020

2021 – RESCHEDULED

Marlay Park Concerts 2021

Tuesday 22nd June – Guns & Roses

Friday 25th June – TBC

Saturday 26th June – TBC

Sunday 27th June – TBC

Longitude – Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th July 2021

2022

Marlay Park Concerts 2022

Monday 27th June – Green Day

Tuesday 28th June – Guns & Roses

Wednesday 29th June – Red Hot Chilli Peppers

Longitude – Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd July 2022

AUDIENCE PROFILE

The audience at Marlay Park Concerts and Longitude 2023 is likely to be a lively, good natured and enthusiastic crowd and one that takes no shame in enjoying the entertainment. We will assess each concert accordingly and will take the anticipated age group and nature of the crowd into account in all our planning.

WHO IS AT RISK?

This Risk assessment has two main thrusts of examination -

a) The risk to employees, contractors and sub contractors and the environment in the build, production operation and decommissioning of the event.

b) The risk to non-employees (ticket holders and members of the public without tickets, guests and artists) working at or attending the event.

There will be a first aider on site from the start of the build to the end of the get out, as well as a full medical provision onsite for the duration of the event itself.

THE BUILD, THE EVENT AND THE BREAKDOWN

There are three phases to the event –

1. The build
2. The event itself
3. The breakdown

Each stage is as important as the others and therefore has as much consideration in its planning. As some contractors only work for the build and then the breakdown, and some only work the event itself we will have one main risk assessment, rather than breaking it down for each stage, as this then gives the bigger picture of the event to the reader and it illustrates clearly how all elements must work together to make the event happen safely. We have also done this as some contractors finish their work early on in the general build, some finish their work during the event, and some only finish their work as the get out is completed and to avoid any confusion as to what the general period is we have kept to one main document.

EVENT SAFETY TEAM

We have designated an Event Safety Officer who will remain full time on site during the event itself. This person will be supported by the Site Manager, Licensing and Production Offices together with other members of the site management team who will have a specific Health & Safety remit. By setting this team in place we aim to ensure a robust and resilient system to support the aim of making the Marlay Park Concerts and Longitude 2023 safe events for all who work and attend. This team will ensure the following happens:

1. Coordination of the collection of information prior to and then during the events
2. The coordination and direction of the safety management of the events
3. Ensuring that the load in, the events and the load out have safety and security as integral and priority elements.
4. Onsite monitoring and coordinating contractors' standards with regards to health and safety
5. Ensuring a full system of reporting is carried out when appropriate
6. Onsite liaison with contractors and the relevant authorities
7. Checking of method statements and risk assessments
8. Collection and checking of completion certificates
9. Communication of safety information to contractors
10. Monitoring and coordinating safety infrastructure, procedures and general performance
11. Assisting the promoter/event control in coordinating safety in response to a major incident

There will be continual monitoring of all of the hazards and control procedures outlined below and corrective action will be taken as necessary, although I have not listed this in every risk for brevity's sake. A health and safety audit will be taken at regular intervals to monitor whether there are any areas that can be improved upon.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DOCUMENTATION

There is a health and safety contract for all short-term employees and contractors. This contract is extensive and covers all aspects of the event health and safety issues. All contractors will also be expected to supply and comply

with their own risk assessments, method statements where appropriate and insurance certification via our on-line system.

Site rules will be given out to contractors and staff prior to their arrival as well as when they arrive onsite. Signage containing the site rules will also be displayed around the site. All contractors will be expected to comply with good practice and legislative requirements in respect of their specialist area. These procedures are all an essential and core part of the risk assessment process. All contractors will be actively encouraged to continually review their working practices in an effort to render the working environment as safe as possible.

CALCULATIONS AND CERTIFICATION

Structural drawings and calculations will be obtained in advance for all structures and tents and completion certificates will be signed off for all completed installations; these will be collated by the Event Safety Officer on site. Tent exit calculations and flammability certificates will be obtained and available for inspection.

KEY STAFF

Risks will be proactively monitored by the Event Safety Officer and team, the Event Controller/Deputies, the Site Manager, Security Coordinator, Stage Managers and other delegated staff. In addition to this, the Stage Manager will oversee stage production work. This delegation of elements of monitoring and managing the risks away from the Event Safety Officer to other competent people ensures that we can monitor multiple operations on site at the same time and with an acceptable and appropriate level of specialist experience. This also frees up the Event Safety Team to make a clearer assessment of the work schedule and for them to be where they consider they are most needed. For example, the more dangerous tasks like rigging and other work at height jobs where individuals are working in a high-risk environment - to themselves as individuals as well as to others not involved in the work.

As contractors arrive on site, they must come in through our Production Gate. This is managed by specific security staff that have a long-standing experience of the running of a production gate. The security staff at this position will call through on the radio system as contractors arrive and check with key staff before they send them through to the site. They will know where to send them and also to advise contractors on whom they should report to. If it is their first time onsite, they will receive a site safety induction. The workload of managing and monitoring risks is divided equally between key staff so that their workload is at an appropriate and manageable level.

KEY RISKS

The following risks are considered to be higher risks than others and have been marked as “key risks”. A key risk is a risk that will be proactively monitored by key staff – namely the Event Safety team, the Event Controller/Deputies, the Site Manager, our Structural Engineer, the Production Manager or Security Coordinator.

The key risks – are roughly held under the following titles-

- Fire/explosion/electric shock.
- Crowd management issues.
- Vehicles / pedestrian – transport issues.
- Pyros/barrier/lifting/ work at height/loading/rigging – stage work.
- Working over and around water.

These risks will be monitored and managed by various and different key staff who have experience of this particular area and we have a sufficient number of key staff with appropriate skills and management capabilities.

The risk assessment will be designed to be a work in progress document as new risks are sure to arise as time goes on, we also need to be able to respond to new legislation and we need to be able to change systems as and when we come across new problems.

The actions identified in the risk assessment as well as a commitment to abide by the agreed licence conditions demonstrates a commitment to take all reasonable steps to ensure that employees, contractors, sub contractors, ticket holders and members of the public without tickets, guests, competitors, artists and the environment have had those risks reduced to a minimum.