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A Country & Western SCOOP for D & G

The first ever Country and Western Weekend to be held in Carrutherstown, at The Kinmount Hotel, on Saturday and Sunday 14th, 15th of September received an incredible quadruple boost last week, when not just one, but 4 highly rated Country artists agreed to play.

Glasgow based artists RAIN TOWN will close the event on Sunday 15th of September. They follow on from another Glasgow based artist, KATEE KROSS. Both generously agreed to head down to Dumfriesshire to help make the Country Weekender a success in its first year. RAIN TOWN who have received 15 awards in 4 years are the only act to be involved in all the mega-successful Country2Country festivals. The band have a large following and have played King Tuts Stage, headlined at the Buckle and Boots Festival and supported both Runrig at the iconic Shepherd's Bush Empire and American, Josh Kelley in Glasgow. Now they are heading to D & G!!

Katee Kross is just 22 and has an impressive track record, working with the likes of Dougie MacLean, Barbara Dickson, Karine Polwart, James Grant, John Doyle, Findlay Napier, Tony McManus and Seasick Steve. She has written and released three full length albums and played at some top venue's including Wembley Arena and Kelvingrove Bandstand in Glasgow, King Tuts Wah Wah Hut, Millport Country Music Festival.

Katy Hurt will close the show on Saturday 14th of September preceded by Australian born Zoe Byrne.

Zoe Byrne - chart topping and multi-award-winning Australian born singer/songwriter will arrive with us in D and G fresh from performing in Sweden. She is described as one of the most exciting alternative Country/Americana/Pop phenomena to hit the UK Country music scene. Her achievements include working on a feature film soundtrack, topping the Scottish New Music Charts and holding the #1 position for over 6 months on the ReverbNation Charts. She has performed in Nashville and alongside countless names including Carrie Underwood and Bob Harris.

Katy is from London, and spent some of her childhood in New York where she first started to sing Country. In 2013 she reached the finals of the Live and Unsigned Competition at London's O2 arena and she has hardly missed a beat

since. Her single “part-time girlfriend” reached number 2 on the UK Country chart and the top 20 in I-Tunes worldwide Country chart. Katy is signed to Metropolis Music.

Kinmount Hotel is a small, family run hotel, on the A75, between Dumfries and Annan. The Country & Western festival will take place in its carpark and will feature the Alchemy Saloon Bar and a Hog Roast. Many local artists have also agreed to play, including favourites Bob Hollis, Sister Fox and Kate Kyle. Tickets are available from www.kinmounthotel.co.uk and ticket source. Carol Brotherston, a partner of Kinmount Hotel said “We cannot believe how kind these artists have been and how willing they were to come to the SW of Scotland and support us in our first year of this festival. We hope the people around us will realise what a gift they have been given and will support the artists it by making it a sell-out success”.

Carol Brotherston