



## Sam Ryder to headline free spectacular to celebrate Milton Keynes' city status

Singer song-writing social media sensation and Eurovision star Sam Ryder has been announced as the headline performer at a free event celebrating Milton Keynes becoming a city.

The Saturday 8 October event will be the grand finale to this year's City of Codes & Light Festival organised by Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture (MKIAC).

Sam Ryder stunned global audiences in May with the anthem *Space Man* to earn the UK our best Eurovision result for 20 years. He'll be wowing the crowds at 10pm on the Station Square music stage, showcasing music from his new album *There's Nothing But Space, Man* (released on 18 November) as well as tracks loved by his incredible 13 million Tik Tok followers. Sam will be followed by a fantastic laser show before the event ends at 11pm.

Milton Keynes City Council has teamed up with MKIAC to present the memorable evening from 6pm on Saturday 8 October, featuring free live music, dazzling performances, and a brilliant light display to mark Milton Keynes being named a city by Queen Elizabeth II as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year.

All evening there'll be live performances at Station Square including thrilling music from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Ibiza Orchestra, and a laser show at 8.50pm - repeated at 10.45pm. The Square will also be home to food and coffee trucks serving tasty treats from 6pm.

Elsewhere in the city centre, a stunning free and family-friendly digital light parade led by renowned street theatre companies Cirque Bijou and Worldbeaters will start at Church of Christ the Cornerstone at 7pm, arriving in Station Square at 8.30pm.

A giant light projection called 'Radiance' will also transform the exterior of the Church from 7.15pm – 8pm.

Read the full schedule for the City of Codes and Light Festival (4 - 8 October) at <http://www.mkiac.org/project/the-city-of-codes-light-festival-2022/>

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