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Opera star Katherine Jenkins comes to Guernsey

OPERATIC sensation, Katherine Jenkins will be helping to kick off Guernsey's 65th Liberation Anniversary at a concert at Beau Sejour on Saturday 1st May.

Miss Jenkins, who will be accompanied by the full 32-piece National Symphony Orchestra (NSO), will sing a combination of classical and contemporary songs from her repertoire and the NSO will also perform a number of pieces of their own.

Miss Jenkins, 29, has been dominating the classical charts since her first album, *Premiere*, made her the fastest selling mezzo-soprano ever and her third album, *Living a Dream*, in which she debuts as co-producer, reached number four in the UK pop album charts.

Originally from Neath in the Welsh Valleys, Miss Jenkins has enjoyed a notable career so far, performing alongside fellow artists such as Andrea Bocelli and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

Her latest offering, *Believe*, has been described as her most ambitious album to date. Working alongside notable producer David Foster, Miss Jenkins explores a broad range of traditional and contemporary music to provide a new diverse edge to the star's repertoire.

The concert to commemorate 65 years since the occupation of Guernsey has been initiated by Karen Solway, of Things to Do Guernsey, who is promoting the event.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity to dedicate what has already been many hours and months of work to this project that will enable the people of Guernsey to enjoy what I know will be a fantastic experience. This calibre of artist is not often seen in the island. I

am most grateful to our lead sponsor, Carey Olsen, for helping to ensure the event's success and to our other corporate sponsors for their willing support.

Law firm Carey Olsen, are looking forward to bringing the multi-platinum award winner to the island:

'We feel very privileged to be involved in bringing such a brilliant talent to the island and to participate in such a significant celebration for Guernsey,' said Russell Clark, deputy managing partner at Carey Olsen.

'Katherine has not only become a major success in the UK but is also being received extremely well on an international level. This is a great chance for islanders to get to see her perform right on our doorstep.'

Many islanders will be watching her as judge and mentor on new ITV1 show *Popstar to Operastar* and will be very excited to see her perform in Guernsey. Katherine will add a fantastic touch of class to this year's liberation celebrations.

Tickets will go on sale at Midday on Monday 1st February, priced at £45 which includes box office fees. To book tickets go to www.thingstodoguernsey.com or call 740406.

Commemorative programmes will also be on sale at the event.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

No interviews with Katherine Jenkins are available at the current time.

Event promoter Karen Solway is available for interview.