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'PUT ON YOUR RED LIGHT'...

THE ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL 2008 IS OFFICIALLY SOLD OUT!

The **Isle of Wight Festival 2008** is now officially sold out! Within days of being released, 50,000 tickets to the award winning festival have been snapped up. With a line up that boasts **The Police**'s only UK Festival date, iconic punk rockers **Sex Pistols** and Brit sensations the **Kaiser Chiefs**, alongside some of the hottest acts around, it's no wonder why!

Festival Promoter John Giddings said: 'all we need now is glorious sunshine again'!

Now in its seventh year the Isle of Wight Festival always delivers an unrivalled mixture of new, established and legendary artists on the bill and this year is no exception. Also appearing throughout the weekend is Grammy Award nominee **Lily Allen**, Q Award 'Best New Act' winners **The Enemy**, Brit Award winner of Best British Female Solo **KT Tunstall**, legendary punk rockers **Iggy and The Stooges**, Manchester maverick **Ian Brown** plus **The Kooks**, **N.E.R.D** and **James**. A host of the hottest newcomers have also been confirmed, including **Kate Nash**, **Hoosiers** and **Scouting for Girls**.

Since its reincarnation in 2002, the Isle of Wight Festival brings together 50,000 free spirited, music loving, friends, families and festival goers in front of one almighty stage, in a simply stunning setting. After winning two UK Festival Awards for **Best Major UK Festival and Outstanding Contribution to Festivals** (awarded to John Giddings) the festival has proved itself to undoubtedly be one of the most distinctive and much-loved festivals on the calendar.

The Isle of Wight Festival takes place 13th – 15th June at Seaclose Park, Newport, Isle of Wight.

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Notes for Editors

The Isle of Wight Festival 2008 will be the seventh festival since it's reincarnation in 2002. Over the last few years **The Who, David Bowie, Foo Fighters, REM, Coldplay, Amy Winehouse, Snow Patrol, Muse and The Rolling Stones** amongst many others, have taken to the stage in what has fast become one of the hottest festivals in the UK.

In the late 1960's, the Isle of Wight Festivals were a series of legendary events featuring Bob Dylan, The Who, The Doors, Joni Mitchell. Jefferson Airplane culminating in 1970 with 600,000 hippies descending on the island to see Jimi Hendrix perform his penultimate concert. As documented in the film 'Message to Love' and celebrated in songs such as Oasis 'F***ing in the Bushes', the event has played a major part in shaping music festivals we know today and was the European answer to Woodstock.