A Change of Time 3 – The Life of the Spirit National Bahá'í Festival Scarborough, November 7-9, 2003

The whole duty of man in this Day is to attain that share of the flood of grace which God poureth forth for him.

(Bahá'u'lláh: Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, Section V, p. 7)

More than 1000 Bahá'ís and their friends are expected at this year's National Bahá'í Festival, to celebrate The Life of the Spirit.

Join us for an exploration of the life of the soul, through talks, stunning audio-visual presentations, music and theatre with fully integrated programmes on the festival themes for Children, Junior Youth and Youth. Contemplate the life of Service. Reflect on the life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and celebrate the extraordinary services Bahá'ís are rendering throughout the country and the world. Featuring guest speakers Counsellor Sohrab Youssefian and Linda Youssefian from Italy, and Paddy O'Mara from Northern Ireland.

Immerse yourself in the life of prayer — "There is nothing sweeter in the world of existence than prayer" according to 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Come to Scarborough and experience the most uplifting and soul-stirring devotional programmes. Discover the magic of the institution of the Mashriqu'l- Adhkár through a specially commissioned exhibition about the Bahá'í Houses of Worship around the world, featuring original artwork and audio-visual material.

The National Bahá'í Festival will showcase a host of talented artists who will lift our spirits. This year we are thrilled to be welcoming international singing sensation Hatef, the Tunisian-born singer who made such an impact on the festivities to inaugurate the terraces on Mount Carmel, and the centenary celebrations of the Faith in France. We have also commissioned a major dramatic presentation to be performed three times during the weekend in the Spa Theatre.

Experience "Pure" by Annabel Knight, performed by Shirin Youseffian-Maanian and directed by Jessica Naish. Step into another time and place and relive the historic meeting between Professor Edward G Browne and Bahá'u'lláh. PLUS a Saturday night dance party and with the return of the popular Persian Café, this year's National Bahá'í Festival, open to all, is not to be missed.

Booking Accommodation

It is part of our financial contract with the Spa to encourage Bahá'ís to book accommodation through the Scarborough Conference Bureau. You will find them helpful, and they offer a full range of B&B and hotel ccommodation in a wide price range.

Book now using the form provided with the September issue of the Journal or email enquiries@scb.uk.com / tel.: (01723) 232568 / fax: (01723) 383630 (Website: www.scb.uk.com) or contact Sue Hood

Special requirements

Meeting the requirements of disabled people is an important aspect of the Venues Committee's work. People with disabilities are asked to advise us in advance of any special needs.

Some car parking tickets are available for the registered disabled

Scarborough Conference Accommodation Bureau, Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough YO11 2HG

Note to late bookers: Three weeks before the event unused block booked beds revert to the hotel for letting. From then on the Tourist Information Centre will advise about hotel accommodation, – email: scarboroughtic@scarborougbc.gov.uk / tel: 01723 37333 / fax: 01723 363785. Or write to Scarborough TIC, Unit 3, Pavilion House, Valley Bridge Rd, Scarborough YO11 1UZ.

It is the goal of this committee to meet the need of the disabled and we will make every effort to do so, however, due to circumstances beyond our control it is not always possible.

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