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RICK ASTLEY

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**HEADLINING
MUSIC SHOWCASE WEEKEND
Fri (eve) 23rd & Sat 24th July 2021**

Originally set to play in 2020, 80's icon RICK ASTLEY has been confirmed as the first headliner for the Music Showcase Weekend at York Racecourse, taking to the stage on Friday evening 23rd July 2021.

Less than 24 hours later, taking to the stage will be McFLY, a band with seven UK number-one singles, six top-ten albums, six sell-out tours, making them without question one of the most significant British pop acts of the twenty-first century. Tom, Danny, Dougie and Harry have become one of our best-loved bands, not to mention major stars in their own right.

Bookings from racegoers who generously "rolled over" their admission to 2021 remain in our records and provided you are content with the artists announced, no further action is required.

We are conscious that Rick Astley is now performing on Friday evening rather than the Saturday afternoon that was originally scheduled in 2020. If customers who rolled over their booking, wish to transfer to Friday evening 2021, this is possible provided it is for the entire party number. To request this transfer please contact bookings@yorkracecourse.co.uk including the original booking reference and contact details. It would help us to help you to simply forward the original booking confirmation email, as this contains all the details. Please note that these transfers are subject to availability so it would be wise to act quickly.

Rick Astley is enjoying a major career resurgence. He has already sold more than 40 million albums fueled by hits like the chart-topping Never Gonna Give You Up, Whenever You Need Somebody, Together Forever, When I Fall in Love, She Wants To Dance With Me and Cry For Help.

Rick has been anything but quiet during the pandemic and has from his home studio amassed nearly 2 Million YouTube followers with a series of Lockdown Covers and become a major force on TikTok with 1.7 Million followers. He has also used this time to publicly support the NHS and organise free concerts for NHS staff during his UK Arena tour this October.

On early evening Saturday, Harry, Dougie, Tom and Danny will be performing hits from their number one albums such as the chart topping, "All About You", "Obviously" and "5 Colours In Her Hair."

On the racecourse itself, Friday evening will see Pattern race action in the European Breeder's Fund Lyric Stakes, with The Sky Bet York Stakes as the six-figure centerpiece of a seven-race card on Saturday, that will precede the concert.

The dates in late July fall well after the scheduled "step 4 of the roadmap" so there is a positive approach to the occasion. However, given both the current

circumstances and that operating details for large venues are still awaited from Government; racegoers are offered a guaranteed refund in the event of Covid related alterations, as well as the reassurance that all Covid-19 protocols that are applicable at the time of the event, will be followed.

Everyone at York Racecourse looks forward to welcoming you to these fun filled occasions once again.

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