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**FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2021**

**NEWMARKET NIGHTS AT NEWMARKET RACECOURSES**

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The Jockey Club Live are excited to announce that RICK ASTLEY will be headlining Newmarket Nights on Friday 25th June 2021.

Rick Astley’s era-defining classic ‘Never Gonna Give You Up’ topped charts the world over and catapulted the 80’s icon on a journey that would encompass 8 consecutive UK Top 10 hits and 40 million sales. After stepping aside to focus on his family, he shot back to #1 almost 30 years later with his Platinum-selling album ‘50’. Last month, he released his career-spanning compilation ‘The Best of Me’, which also included an independently recorded set of reimagined interpretations of his songs, old and new.

2019 saw Rick complete a gargantuan 38-date stadium tour as special guest to Take That, during which he played to over 500,000 people. Showing his mass appreciation across genres, he has also graced the main stage of the legendary Reading Festival, performing ‘Never Gonna Give You Up’ with one of the worlds biggest rock bands, Foo Fighters.

**Rick Astley said**

*‘Really looking forward to playing Newmarket. It is a great vibe with a lovely audience. We will have a lot of fun!’*

**Sophie Able, General Manager of Newmarket Racecourses, said**

*‘We're delighted to be welcoming Rick Astley to Newmarket Nights. Rick is a consummate performer and with his catalogue of hits we can't wait to see him perform.'*

The Jockey Club Live are leading promoters on the UK live scene, delivering spectacular line-ups of some of the hottest chart talent and legendary household names to some of the world’s most famous racecourses. Summer Saturday Live and Newmarket Nights are a staple in the region’s social calendar and each year host tens of thousands of fans of live music. Past headliners have included Kylie, George Ezra and Little Mix.

The events are renowned for combining a fun filled evening at the races with a spectacular evening concert in the informal and relaxed open-air setting of the hallowed turf. Newmarket Nights won the ‘Best Event for Groups’ at the prestigious 2018 Group Leisure & Travel Awards.

The Jockey Club racecourses have world-class customer facilities, featuring an array of award-winning restaurants that cater for all tastes, from fine dining through to delicious bistro

food. The Jockey Club’s racecourses welcome over 2million people a year for some of the UK’s biggest racing events so you can be sure a fantastic evening.

Tickets are on sale now via [thejockeyclublive.co.uk](http://www.thejockeyclublive.co.uk). Tickets are priced starting at £30.24 (inclusive of transaction fees). All T&C’s are available on [newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk](http://newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk). There will be hospitality packages available to suit all budgets. Book with confidence! The Jockey Club Live offer a money back guarantee if cancelled.

In addition to Newmarket, *The Jockey Club Live* will be hosting live concerts across Sandown Park, Market Rasen, Aintree, Haydock Park and Carlisle racecourses next summer.

**THE JOCKEY CLUB LIVE CONFIRMED 2021 EVENTS:**

11th June Nile Rodgers & Chic, Aintree Racecourse
18th June The Script, Newmarket Racecourses
19th June Tom Jones, Haydock Park Racecourse
25th June Rick Astley, Newmarket Racecourses
16th July Bryan Ferry, Newmarket Racecourses
17th July Olly Murs, Haydock Park Racecourse
23rd July Tom Jones, Newmarket Racecourses
28th July Nile Rodgers & Chic, Sandown Park Racecourse
30th July Olly Murs, Newmarket Racecourses
5th August Craig David, Sandown Park Racecourse
13th August Pete Tong & The Heritage Orchestra, Newmarket Racecourses
28th August McFly, Newmarket Racecourses

*Note: This show was originally scheduled for Friday 31st July 2020. All previously purchased tickets remain valid.*

**For all media information, including previews, interviews, reviews etc for
The Jockey Club Live, contact Warren or Jenny at Chuff Media – tel. 020 8281 0989 name@chuffmedia.com**

**About The Jockey Club Live**

The Jockey Club Live is an innovative event entertainment promoter specialising in combining live music and racing. Since it’s launch in 2014 the Jockey Club Live has promoted over 120 concerts with a combined attendance of over 1 million and was revealed by Music Week as the UK’s 6th largest music promoter. The Jockey Club Live’s vision is to bring the biggest names in pop music to racing events across the country; giving consumers an exceptional experience of live music and racing.

**About Newmarket Racecourses**

Newmarket’s two magical racecourses, the Rowley Mile and the July Course, together form the greatest venue in the East of England. Hosting exhilarating world class Flat racing, pulsating music nights, great value family days, award-winning restaurants and exceptional conferences, in 2016 Newmarket Racecourses proudly celebrated 350 years of extraordinary royal patronage.

Newmarket Racecourses are part of The Jockey Club which stages thrilling sporting occasions including the Randox Health Grand National, The Cheltenham Festival and The Investec Derby. Millions of people every year enjoy the special experiences on offer through racing, music, food and entertainment. Governed by Royal Charter, every penny made goes back into British Racing to help the sport thrive. The Jockey Club was founded in 1750 and today is the largest commercial group in Britain’s second-biggest spectator sport (2018 turnover: £214.6 million), operating 15 racecourses nationwide, The National Stud, Jockey Club Estates, Jockey Club Catering, Jockey Club Live and the charity, Racing Welfare. For more information visit [www.thejockeyclub.co.uk](file:///C%3A/Users/bowerss/Desktop/www.thejockeyclub.co.uk).