

Orchestra In a Field



This weekend, Glastonbury Abby will play host to Charles Hazlewood's *Orchestra in a Field* 2012. The 2 day event will be on Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st. The festival will feature performances of Bizet' *Carmen*, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and *Tubular Bells*, along with the world premiere performance of *The British Paraorchestra*.

Orchestra in a Field is unique. Designed with the whole family in mind, it promises to bridge the gap between festivals and classical music.

"People associate orchestras with stuffy concert halls, and a lot of people are alienated by that image of 'classical music'. But take the music out of that setting, and it's a revelation," says Hazlewood. *"Imagine a brightly lit stage in the middle of a field at night, and the sheer power and beauty of a symphony orchestra at full tilt, plus soloists and a big chorus – it's an amazing spectacle – let alone the sound!"*

Funktion-One rental partners **Audio Plus** are providing the sound system for the whole weekend. We at **Funktion-One** are so pleased to be involved with an event that challenges the conventional idea of a festival, and brings wonderful music to a wider audience.

