

Glastonbury Festival's Pyramid Stage to host SOS Africa Charity Abseil

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Michael Eavis and SOS Africa are delighted to announce that one of Britain's most iconic landmarks will host this year's SOS Africa Charity Abseil fundraising event. On the weekend of September 20th/21st, Glastonbury Festival's world famous Pyramid Stage will be transformed into an abseiling extravaganza.

Over the course of the two day fundraising event, thanks to the support of Michael Eavis and the Glastonbury Festival organisers, fundraising teams of six from across the country will tackle their fears; ascend the Pyramid and free-fall abseil from its roof, and all in aid of Somerset's SOS Africa Charity.

The 100ft, 40 tonne structure - comprising over 4 kilometres of steel tubing - was constructed in 2000. The design was based on Egypt's Great Pyramids of Giza. The third Pyramid stage since the Festival was founded in 1970, it has hosted some of the world's leading music artists including Beyonce, Jay Z, Radiohead, REM, Coldplay, Paul McCartney and Bruce Springsteen - the list goes on. During last June's Glastonbury Festival weekend, this same venue was rocked by the infamous Rolling Stones, during a 3 hour greatest hits performance.

Not only does this give participants the unique opportunity of treading on this same hallowed turf and abseiling from the roof of Glastonbury Festival's Pyramid Stage, SOS Africa is also inviting abseilers to participate dressed as their favourite bands. So whether you form a team of 'Dolly's Daredevils' or 'Arcade Adventures' just make sure you're not 'Foolhardy Ferrys' or 'Silly Allens!'

All funds raised at this event will support the SOS Africa Charity. SOS Africa is a Somerset-based African education charity. 100% of the funds raised are invested in the education and care of the poorest children from the townships of South Africa (www.sosafrica.com).

And if this isn't motivation enough, SOS Africa will award the event's top fundraiser two tickets to South Africa to meet the SOS Africa children!! If you are at the top of our online fundraising leader board by 6pm on Sunday 12th October, you will win this year's charity fundraising competition.

For further information visit:

<http://www.sosafrica.com/glastonbury-festival-pyramid-stage-abseil.htm>

<http://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/news/abseil-the-pyramid-stage>

To enter a team or individual into the event, contact SOS Africa by email: info@sosafrica.com, or by phone: 01749 344197 (lines open 9am – 5pm, Mon – Fri) with the following information:

- The themed name of your team of six, e.g. "Dollies Daredevils"
- Your preferred abseil date and time - between 9am to 7pm on the 20th/21st September.
- Send us a £10 entry fee per person (Cheques to 'SOS Africa', 21 High Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5AA.)

Please carry out the above as soon as possible – times will be allotted on a 'first come first served basis.' Participants must be 8 years of age or older - if under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be present. SOS Africa will then send you your event fundraising pack and confirm your abseil time. We would kindly ask all participants to aim to raise £200 each or £1000 per team.

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