

Time for glad rags, glitter and disco through the ages at Festé

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WE all have a favourite old record tucked away in the attic that might not have set the charts on fire but which will always have a place in our hearts.

It's this music that provides the soundtrack to our lives and the Charity Shop DJ project believes it's worth celebrating. So to make sure the first night of Festé goes with a swing, Derby Market Place will be the setting for a huge disco.

Among those digging deep into their record collections will be the Mayor, MP Chris Williamson and city councillor Alan Grimadell – all of them keeping their choices under wraps until the night.

But Andy Jupp, the Derbyshire artist behind Charity Shop DJ, can reveal that



Andy Jupp wants people to have a good old knees up at Festé.

nobody will be playing Dark Side of the Moon.

"It will be more disco through the ages," he says. "The brief was dance music and disco. It's not really guilty pleasures as we aren't doing it ironically. We are about communicating between people. By revealing the secrets of what people listen to at home it shows something about them that others can relate too.

"We also try and promote redefinitions of culture. We don't want culture to be an elite participatory thing, it's something that we all create every day. So it can be the stuff that we listen to at home. In terms of vinyl records, it might not be a record that was No 1 but which means something to us."

Charity Shop DJ is an organisation that has been working with a variety of artists since 2006. As Andy is from Chesterfield that includes a lot of Derby artists.



He says: "We ran a project in Derby last year involving Quad, the museum and Derby Live – a six-month tour of the city running music clubs where people shared their musical choices and which ended up in an exhibition in the museum. A lot of the people we worked with will be DJ-ing at Festé.

Charity Shop DJ toured

Syria earlier this year and has been to Kashmir working on conflict resolution projects through music.

"It's finding a space where people can share their cultural choices together," says Andy, whose background is as an artist, producer and a market trader, all three of which combine for Charity Shop DJ. Andy has also re-

Celebrating during last year's Festé. Left: Close Act: Rebels will entertain tomorrow and Sunday.

united famous people like former Derbyshire MP Tony Benn with favourite vinyl records.

Andy says: "We spent a day looking through his record collection and his favourite track turned out to be Guantanamo by The Sandpipers – a great working class, left-wing folk song from central America."

It's a track that's not likely to make the Festé party – but you never know.

"We are really looking forward to Festé," says Andy. "It's going to be glad rags and glitter. A good old-fashioned knees up and we just want people to come and party. Bring your handbags and come and have a dance."

Festé's Big Disco is in the Market Place tonight from 8pm-11pm.