

London - a Benchmark for the New Olympic cycle

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(PRWeb UK) August 27, 2009 -- For the first time in the 106-year history of the [World Artistic Gymnastics Championships](#); British Gymnastics are honored to bringing the games to London.

For the first time the splendid O2 Arena will play host to such a high caliber sporting event and will see many of those who will contest for Olympic glory in 3-years time, in London 2012.

These facts, along with admittedly [strongest ever-British representation](#) in the event, which will take place between 13th and 18th October, explain why the interest goes beyond all expectations.

There will be 457 gymnasts from 75 countries challenging 12 sets of medals (All-around for Men and Women and Apparatus Finals (six for the Men and four for the Women).

Up to 10th September when the FIG (International Gymnastics Federation will announce the Nominative Entries), the line-up will be a guess.

Will the Mega Star from Beijing 2008, Nastia Liukin (USA) compete in London? This seam's very possible; she is quickly regaining her competitive form.

Which will be the new Chinese names to learn, following the outstanding success of the host nation in last years Games and the retirement of the Olympic All-around Champion for Men, Yang Wei?

Will The O2 crowd see the only gymnast who managed to win two titles in Beijing, Zou Kai- the Floor and High Bar Olympic Champion?

Is the young Japanese Kohei Uchimura (Silver medallist in Beijing) ready to establish his name as number one All-rounder, or can the experienced German star Fabian Hambuechen stand in his way?

Who will be the newcomers to remember and follow up to London 2012?

For the first time in the history of [British Gymnastics](#), there are now two gymnasts with good chances to leave their mark in the All-around events in London - Daniel Keatings, 2008 European Junior Champion and 2009 European Senior Silver medallist, and Becky Downie, 12th All-around in Beijing 2008 and current British Champion.

Add to this the hopes of Beth Tweddle (2006 World and European Champion on A. Bars) and 2008 Olympic and 2007 World Bronze medallist on Pommels Louis Smith, and you'll know why London 2009 is expected to turn into Gymnastics Fiesta and a benchmark on the road to London 2012.

About The World Championships

From 13th to 18th October 2009 the World Gymnastic Championships will be held in London for the first time.



The championships will give a strong indication of which world-class gymnasts will be defending their positions in 2012, and who will be the rising stars that will challenge them.

The 2009 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships will truly be a world wide event as the Definitive Registration list shows 76 delegations and a total of 459 gymnasts (285 MAG and 174 WAG) will be present at London's O2 Arena for the biggest gymnastics show on earth, in October, 13-18.

The overall number of all participants, coaches, judges, officials and guests to be accredited at this event comes, so far to 1,166 people.

For further details and ticket information see - <http://www.worldgymnastics2009.com/>

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