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THE BBC VISITS BLAIR CASTLE ON MORE THAN ONE EXCITING OCCASION

Blair Castle is delighted to announce BBC ONE's ever popular Sunday evening programme ANTIQUES ROADSHOW will be filming for its 33rd series at Blair Castle, on Thursday, 9th September, 2010. The doors open at 9.30 am and close at 4.30pm. Entry is free.

Series Editor Simon Shaw says: "The team are all looking forward to visiting such a splendid venue as Blair Castle. It's always exciting to see what will come to light on the day. We regularly see between 1500 and 2000 visitors on the day. Despite the high turnout everyone will get to see an expert."

Some of Britain's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will be on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who are invited to raid their attics and bring along their family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection by the experts.

Sarah Troughton, Head Trustee of the Blair Charitable Trust said "The great variety of objects that appear on the Antiques Roadshow make this programme absolutely fascinating, I am delighted they have chosen to hold a show here."

People with large pieces of furniture or other big items can send details and photographs of their objects to: ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR or e-mail them to: antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk. It may be possible to arrange to look at the item in advance and organise transportation to the venue.

Blair Castle is also delighted to announce that it will feature in a programme about Duchess Kitty, the 8th Duchess of Atholl and Scotland's first MP, soon to be aired on BBC2 Scotland.

The programme, due to be aired on 2 March at 7PM on BBC2 Scotland, is the about the remarkable life story of Duchess Kitty. The Duchess is the subject of a half hour programme by Elizabeth Quigley for BBC Scotland which illustrates her as one of the most forward-thinking and outspoken politicians of her day, her relentless campaign for political freedom against the backdrop of an increasingly totalitarian pre-war Europe caused widespread controversy. The programme shows

a fascinating insight into a turbulent life lived through turbulent times.

Group Tours explaining the life story of Duchess Kitty are available at Blair Castle from £11 per person. The minimum fee payable for this tour is £132 for up to 12 people. The maximum number for this tour is 25 people.

The Blair Castle Tullibardine Restaurant provides refreshments for group visits. The restaurant seats up to 125 people and is open during the summer season from 10am until 5pm daily. The restaurant serves a range of meals and refreshments including hot meals, sandwiches, soups, salads and cakes. Breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea options are available. Picnic Lunches can also be supplied.

For further information log on to www.blair-castle.co.uk.

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