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It's another summer of soap for fans as ITV announces the hottest ticket in town goes on sale this morning, for the first in a series of **live Emmerdale 'Audience with' events**, and taking centre stage for this very special summer evening of soap saga is the one and only **Claire King, aka Emmerdale's legendary 'Kim Tate'**.

Friday 26th July sees **'This Morning' and the UK's 'Queen of Soaps', Sharon Marshall**, return to hosting duties for the evening (after surviving her last Audience with Corrie's 'Stephen Reid' for his final murderous ep!), to take fans

through this unforgettable event as they celebrate Claire's iconic soap legacy alongside the lady herself in the beautiful setting of the Weetwood Hotel.

From the moment 'Kim' arrived at the village in 1989 to her return 'from the dead' in 1997, the soap world and the Dales were never to be the same again - throughout the evening as they look back over a game changer of a career, Claire and Sharon will discuss some of her most memorable moments on the show, relive iconic scenes on the big screen, find out a little about how the programme is made and perhaps even get a few secrets about the future?

The evening finishes with a rare chance to ask questions directly to Claire about her career and learn even more about what it's like to be one of the most glamorous 'villains' on TV and a true soap icon.

Premium ticket holders will also get the chance for a personal meet and greet after the main session is over, for full details of tickets available please see Editor's notes.

Jurian Van de Meer, EVP Brand Licensing, ITV, said:

"We've always said it is exciting to be able to give fans of the soaps the chance to experience unique opportunities and for any Emmerdale fan, the chance to spend a Summer's evening with Claire and Sharon has to be unmissable. We hope it will give everybody attending memories for a lifetime."

Sharon Marshall, This Morning's "Queen of Soaps" said:

"My love for the soaps is, as most people know, boundless! And getting to host these very special evenings and meet fellow soap fans is a true honour. I am over the moon to be sitting down with Claire for this one - there is, without a doubt, only one 'Kim Tate' and as far as soap icons go, she's up there with the best of all time, I suspect it's going to be a wild evening!"

Claire King said:

"Kim Tate has been and remains an incredible part of my life, the chance to play such a powerful (if not tricky!) character is a gift for any actor and I feel very lucky to do so. I am rather fond of her to be honest and can't wait to see what she gets up to next! To be given the chance to meet the programme's fans face to face in our home county of Yorkshire for such a special event is fantastic, as Sharon says .. it might be a wild evening!"

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## **Editors Notes:**

For tickets go to <https://www.emmerdalevillagetour.co.uk/events/an-audience-with-claire-king/>

This event will be held at the [Weetwood Hall Hotel](#)

Weetwood Hall Hotel in Lawnswood is located only 20 minutes from the centre of Leeds. Guests wishing to stay at the venue can do so by contacting their friendly reservations team on 0113 388 5718 or [reservations@weetwood.co.uk](mailto:reservations@weetwood.co.uk)

If guests would also like to book a table for an early dinner at the hotel's restaurant, please call 0113 230 6000 or email [sales@weetwood.co.uk](mailto:sales@weetwood.co.uk) to arrange.

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