**New Attraction for 2022: Leeds Castle Launches Queen with Means**

**From 29 July 2022 our Medieval Queens will be holding court in a new Gatehouse experience *Queens with Means*.**

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of the Middle Ages as the Queens of Leeds Castle step out of the shadows of history and speak directly to a 21st-century audience for the first time. *A* brand new cinematic experience gives voice to seven remarkable Queens, who each reveal their own stories in their own words.

*Queens with Means* tells the hitherto untold stories of the seven cosmopolitan and cultured Queens of Leeds Castle. The new Gatehouse Experience uses the latest video-mapping technology and unique lighting, sound and visual effects to create a compelling and empathic connection with the past.

Helen Bonser-Wilton, Chief Executive Officer at Leeds Castle, said: *“Throughout the over 900-year history, Leeds Castle has been owned by powerful, educated and exceptional women. We are thrilled to launch the Queens with Means attraction, and give our visitors an opportunity to discover the stories of the women written out of medieval history, as we share their victories, passions, and heartaches.”*

Sue Prichard, Head Curator at Leeds Castle, said: “*Queens with Means* is an important opportunity to rethink the lives of some of the most phenomenal women in English history. Based on new advancements in academic research, we reposition our medieval queens as arbiters of taste, culture and diplomacy. We also challenge the prevailing image of Katherine of Aragon as little more than the discarded first wife of Henry VIII, who failed to give him a son. Katherine was charismatic, intelligent and resolve – commanding the love and admiration of both the Court and her people.’

The Queens with Means experience is included in the admission ticket cost.

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**About Leeds Castle**

Leeds Castle is considered a national treasure, providing a window onto over nine hundred years of British history. It is a haven of tranquillity and offers a wealth of discovery and enjoyment for all ages.

Situated five miles southeast of Maidstone in Kent, Leeds Castle’s rich and riveting history, including serving seven of England’s Medieval and Tudor queens, to its elaborate transformation into a glamorous 1930s country house retreat for the influential and famous by Anglo-American heiress, Lady Olive Baillie, secures its place as one of the most visited historic attractions in Britain.

The Castle and its estate is preserved and maintained by the Leeds Castle Charitable Foundation, a not-for-profit charity

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