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## NEWS RELEASE



### **RICHARD STILGOE PERFORMS FOR MUSIC IN HOSPITALS**

Surrey based composer, songwriter and entertainer, **Richard Stilgoe**, will be appearing with internationally acclaimed percussionist **Dame Evelyn Glennie** and accomplished cellist **Julian Lloyd Webber**, together with Scottish Soprano **Lisa Milne** at the Music in Hospitals 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Royal Gala Concert in the presence of HRH the Duchess of Gloucester on Tuesday 9 September.

The City of London Sinfonia, who perform at many of the UK's leading festivals and concert venues as well as giving regular radio broadcasts, will be accompanying the soloists

The concert will take place at one of London's finest concert venues, St John's , Smith Square in the heart of Westminster. With a varied programme from Mendelssohn's Overture to Midsummer Night's Dream to the Thunder and Lightning Polka by Strauss, it promises to be an exciting evening.

This special concert will benefit Music in Hospitals, based in Walton on Thames, which arranges live concerts throughout the UK in hospitals, hospices, care homes, day care centres and special needs schools. In the Surrey area musicians regularly visit The Princess Alice Hospice, Walton Leigh School, Walton Day Centre, Walton Community Hospital, Claygate Day Centre, Fernleigh Day Centre, and many more to perform to adults and children whose lives are restricted by all kinds of illness and disability.

*Diana Greenman, Chief Executive of Music in Hospitals says "We are very excited to be celebrating Music in Hospitals' 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with such fine soloists in the presence of our Patron, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester. Music in Hospitals organises some 5,000 live professionally performed concerts in healthcare centres across the UK each year. Our musicians perform to adults and children unable to attend a public concert or event and money raised will help us continue to take live performances into the hospital ward, hospice or care home, to those people to whom music means so much."*

**Tickets for the Gala Concert are £45, £30, £20, £10 – to book please call the box office at St John's Smith Square on 020 7222 1061**

"Music welcomes everyone – no one is excluded" – the late Humphrey Littleton.

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For more information please call: Angela Hills, Community Fundraiser - Tel: 01932 260818