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ACM Gospel Choir & Friends Concert

On Saturday, 10 October, Music in Hospitals is proud to present an electrifying evening of entertainment featuring **THE ACM GOSPEL CHOIR**, semi-finalists in BBC TV's Last Choir Standing.

This outstandingly talented group will be appearing at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, Surrey in a charity concert to benefit Music in Hospitals.

The Academy of Contemporary Music is one of the world leaders in music industry education and is based in Guildford, Surrey. Vocal coach, Mark De-Lisser, says of the Choir *"Their energy and vibe comes from the fact that they are young music students having the time of their lives, pursuing the career of their dreams"*.

The concert will also feature exciting jazz singer **Kryisia Mansfield**, talented violinist **Orpheus Papafilippou** and an a cappella singing group **Treblemakers** – all professional artists who regularly perform for Music in Hospitals in care settings.

For tickets please ring **01932 260810** or visit our website on www.musicinhospitals.org.uk



The ACM Gospel Choir



One of our largest projects to date has been generously supported by Bupa Giving.

Over the past year our musicians have brought **'Musical Memories'** to older people residing in some 300 care homes throughout the UK.

The project has been extremely well received and marks out Bupa as an innovative and caring organisation who are keen to ensure that those living in care homes have a more positive experience thanks to our concerts. We have received brilliant feedback following the concerts:



Thank you so much for offering such a variety of music. We appreciate the kind of music you offer and it enriches our resident's lives and prevents them from feeling institutionalised and being further isolated when residing in a nursing home."

Golf Day



Music in Hospitals' Charity Golf Day will be taking place at Woking Golf Club on Monday, 19 October 2009.

This is the ninth occasion we have held a Golf tournament and the event continues to be very well attended!

The event will again play host to teams of four who will compete in a fun, friendly, yet competitive day in aid of Music in Hospitals. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their support of this event.



MiH concerts news

Autumn is always a busy time of year for concerts. People have returned from their holidays, schools are back and people are beginning to look towards Christmas so it's this time of year that the first bookings for the festive season come trickling in.

We have been lucky enough to receive some funding to support several concerts in the Birmingham area and we have organised 3 tours to take place in September alone. December is always a fairly hectic month for us – last year during the week before Christmas, over 60 Music in Hospitals concerts were taking place across the country per day! We hope to have the same response again this season.

The pianist was first class, he took great care explaining the pieces he was going to play. His skill at the piano was breathtaking. A heart-warming event on a dull, wet December morning, our lethargic residents came to life!"

Frederick House, Merthyr Tydfil



Dinner4Good

We are delighted to share a terrific new idea with you; It's called 'Friends For Dinner' and is all about helping you to raise money for MiH simply by doing something you enjoy - having your friends round for dinner between 6 and 22 November 2009.

Just go to www.dinner4good.com/musicinhospitals and you'll see it couldn't be easier to host a dinner.

If you want to organise the dinner online you can create your personalised Dinner Page and send invitations from the Dinner4Good site (which takes about 5 minutes). Your guests then accept and donate online, which means you can see who's coming and how much is being raised, in a click.

There's no embarrassment over having to ask for money and no hassle with collection. Dinner4Good takes care of everything, including the Gift Aid declaration - so all you have to do is hold the dinner, eat, drink and enjoy yourselves!

News from the North West

Our Northwest office, based in Manchester, is going from strength to strength organising more concerts in the area and doing a marvellous job in raising the profile of Music in Hospitals.

The **Charity Guitar Trail** was a unique experience, dedicating a warm summer Sunday afternoon in June to acoustic guitar tunes. The purpose of the event was to give the people of Greater Manchester a quality family day out and also to raise vital funds for Music in Hospitals.



The event was held in the Fletcher Moss Gardens, near the Didsbury village, a peaceful park with beautiful botanical gardens.

25 acoustic guitar players attended and lit up the park with wonderful music.

Guitarists from all genres played their own little thing to make one big musical experience. With the guitarists scattered throughout the park, people had the opportunity to enjoy the music as they walked through the beautiful gardens.



Christmas Cards

It's that time of year again and we are delighted to be offering a larger selection of cards in 2009. The cards are selling fast already so complete and return the enclosed order form without delay to avoid disappointment!



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