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Music in Hospitals is a registered charity, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of adults and children with all kinds of illness and disability through the joy and therapeutic benefits of live music.



and finally.... dates for your diary...



Last Choir Standing

Do you remember the popular BBC show last year which set out to find the nation's favourite choir?

Each choir had to prove they had the power, passion and performance to win over a chorus of approval from the judges and the **ACM GOSPEL CHOIR** made it to the last few standing.

You will now have the chance to see them in person as we are presenting a concert featuring the **ACM Gospel Choir on Saturday, 3 October 2009 at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church in Claygate, Surrey.**

Further information about both events will follow nearer the time....



Golf Day

Our hugely popular Golf day is returning in 2009 and will be held at **Woking Golf Club on Monday 19 October.**

There will be team and individual prizes catering for various particular skills, which may well also include the shortest drive as well as the longest!

So Golfers, please join us for what promises to be a fun and competitive day!

Newsletter, Spring 2009

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Isla St Clair



Keziah Thomas



St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, affectionately known as "The Actors' Church" because of its long association with the theatre community, has been chosen as the venue for a concert featuring a range of musicians working for Music in Hospitals, on **Wednesday, 6th May 2009, at 7.30pm**

This beautiful church, built by Inigo Jones in 1633, will echo to the sounds of a wide selection of music. The highlight of the evening will feature our **Vice President, Dame Felicity Lott**, who frequently sings with all the major orchestras throughout the UK and appears regularly at the BBC Promenade concerts.



She is joined by **Scottish folk singer, Isla St Clair**, together with some of our **professional musicians**. The evening will be hosted by **BBC Radio 2's, Frank Renton**.

Tickets at £20 can be obtained by ringing our Ticket Hotline on **01932 260818** or download a flyer from our website at:

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MiH violinist,
Chinara
Sharshenova

*"All your
musicians are
great and touch
our children's
hearts. Thank
you so much."*

Children's Trust,
Tadworth, Surrey

Coming soon!



Concerts

As we approach the end of our financial year (31 March) we are delighted to report that we will reach our targets, both in concerts provided across the healthcare spectrum and financial.

December was a bumper month with our musicians performing 680 concerts in England, Wales and the Channel Islands. They travelled far and wide bringing the joy and therapeutic benefits of live music to adults and children with all kinds of illness and disability.

Artist Auditions

We regularly hold auditions to recruit new musicians to join our comprehensive team of performers.

At our latest round we passed groups playing a Didgeridoo, a flugel horn, a group called *Heavy Metal* who play three tubas and a xylophone and a 'lilimba'.

These groups, as well as other talented musicians, have joined our pool of over 300 who are currently working for us throughout the UK.

Website

We are in the process of redesigning and updating our website to make it more user friendly and informative for people to visit and find out about the charity, our latest news and upcoming events. We will be going live with our brand new website in April.

www.music-in-hospitals.org.uk

Contact Details

Please let us know if you would like to receive any future news and information about Music in Hospitals by email. You can notify us of your email address at:

info@music-in-hospitals.org.uk

Flora London Marathon 2009

Our 5 Gold Bond runners will be pounding for pounds around the gruelling 26.2 mile course, raising money for Music in Hospitals.

Do look out for their royal blue vests with our logo whether you watch on television or on the course itself. We will be there on the Embankment cheering them on their way to the finish line on The Mall.

Join us if you are in the area – just give us a call so we can tell you where we will be. If you would like to support our Gold Bond Team you can make a donation via our website on: www.music-in-hospitals.org.uk or by calling us on **01932 260810**.

THE MIH GOLD BOND TEAM: Will Cooper-Mitchell (London), John Davies (Harrogate), Andrew Enjuanes (Crewe, Cheshire), Paul Greenep (London), Chetan Mistry (Wimbledon)

Service Clubs

We will be giving talks at a number of Rotary Clubs in the coming months. If you are a member of a Rotary Club, Lions Club or similar service club – may be you could suggest they make Music in Hospitals their Charity of the Year?

Alternatively, for just £225 your Club could fund a concert within your local community in a care home, hospice or hospital. Just select your venue, give us a ring and we organise everything else!

For more information, please contact Angela Hills, Community and Events Fundraiser on 01932 260818

Richard Hickox, Vice President

We were all very shocked to learn of the sad and sudden death of Richard Hickox and our thoughts are very much with his family. Richard was one of the world's leading conductors and had been Vice President of Music in Hospitals since 2003. The world of classical music has lost one of its major figures and we were most honoured to have received his support.

