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This year is all about our 60th Anniversary. MiH has been bringing the joy and therapeutic benefits of live music to people in healthcare since 1948. A total of 168 concerts were arranged in the first year, some of which were gramophone recitals. Whilst there have been many changes over the years, the use of live music in healthcare remains as important as ever and demand for our service continues to grow.

Our ongoing success is due to the incredible talent of our musicians and the generosity of the many individuals, charitable trusts and companies that support our work. We thank you all.



Save the Date!! -Tuesday 9th September 2008

To celebrate our 60th Anniversary, MiH will be holding a Gala concert and dinner at St John's Smith Square, London, on 9th September 2008. The concert will feature performances from our Vice Presidents, Dame Evelyn Glennie, Dame Felicity Lott, Julian Lloyd Webber and Richard Stilgoe. Full details and ticket information will be sent to all our supporters. If you know of any individuals or companies that would like to provide sponsorship for this special event, please contact us.

Record breaking numbers in 2007



Returning to 2007 for a moment, we presented a record number of 4,818 live concerts in hospitals, hospices, day care centers, special needs schools, nursing and residential homes throughout the UK. (3,232 in England, Wales, N Ireland and the Channel Islands, plus 1,586 in Scotland).

On any given day, MiH concerts are taking place

up and down the country. Our musicians are arriving on hospital wards, in day rooms, residents' lounges and at patients' bedsides to share their knowledge, skills and love of music with people who are disadvantaged by illness and disability.

*" The concert was a wonderful restful period in the hustle and bustle of a hospital day, I hope the duo come back." (From a patient)*

IN BRIEF

2007

Our Wales office arranged 759 concerts throughout Wales.

Our North West office organised a record number of 432 across the region.

We arranged 15 tours to the Channel Islands and 4 tours to Northern Ireland.

We visited 394 healthcare centers for the first time.

New Home!

MiH moved offices in November. Please note our new contact details:

**Music in Hospitals  
Case House  
85-89 High Street  
Walton on Thames  
Surrey KT12 1DZ  
Tel: 01932 260810**

MiH is delivering several major national and local projects thanks to the kind and generous support of our benefactors. To read about our current projects and the Charitable Trusts, Foundations and companies funding them, visit our website at [http://www.music-in-hospitals.org.uk/supportus\\_fundedprojects.htm](http://www.music-in-hospitals.org.uk/supportus_fundedprojects.htm)

### Music Unites Project

The Department of Health is funding a 3 year project which will see 150 concerts taking place each year in healthcare and community settings throughout England, for people with mental health problems. Research has proved live music acts as an aid to recovery by helping to reduce levels of stress, anxiety and depression and promote mental well-being. The feedback we are receiving from the project both from patients and staff is reinforcing this. *“I think the live music is a great way to keep people in contact with the ‘outside world’. Music is very therapeutic and I felt uplifted by the positive vibe on the ward after the concert. I felt it was a good way for staff and patients to interact.”*



### BBC Lifeline Appeal

The appeal, which was presented by MiH's President, Sir Thomas Allen, was broadcast in September and raised over £10,000 for the charity. We received many letters in support of our work and we are very grateful for all the donations we received.

### Legacy Programme

Leaving a legacy to MiH will help us plan for a future where more adults and children in healthcare will have the opportunity to experience the benefits of a live performance. If you would like to receive our Legacy Leaflet or talk to someone in confidence about leaving a gift to MiH in your Will, please call 01932 260810



### Schools

We are extremely grateful to all the schools that held concerts and events in aid of MiH last year. If you know of a school that would like to help this year, please get in touch .

### Music in Hospitals Golf Day 2007

The Golf Day, held in October, was not only great fun for everyone involved but also raised over £7,000 for MiH. We are very grateful to all those who took part and to Peter Worlidge for organising the event. Congratulations to the winning team, The Racketeers!

### Friend of Music in Hospitals

The annual subscription is currently £35 per person and this can be paid either by cheque or a standing order. To find out more about becoming a Friend of MiH, please contact us on 01932 260810. We would be delighted to hear from you.



### Ironman UK 2008

MiH supporter, Nick Smith, will be competing in the Ironman UK 2008 in aid of the charity. The Triathlon is a test of physical and mental endurance beginning with a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride, finishing with a 26.2 mile run, all to be completed within 17 hours. To sponsor Nick, please visit [www.justgiving.com/nicks-ironman](http://www.justgiving.com/nicks-ironman)

If you would like further information on any of the articles featured here or would like to find out more about our work and the different ways you can help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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