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NEWS RELEASE



**HRH THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER
SUPPORTS *MUSIC IN HOSPITALS* GALA CONCERT**

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 60th 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, a national charity with offices based in Walton on Thames, Surrey, which arranges live concerts throughout the UK in hospitals, hospices, care homes, day care centres and special needs schools performing 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' 60th 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 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

Ends

**HRH The Duchess of Gloucester arrives at St John's, Smith Square at 7.25pm on September 9, 2008
For more information please call: Angela Hills, Community Fundraiser - Tel: 01932 260818**