

Sing Live to perform at the Royal Albert Hall, London
In The Night of 1000 Voices® on 6th May 2012

We are delighted to bring you details of our invitation to perform in The Night of 1000 Voices® at the Royal Albert Hall in London on 6th May 2012 to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Here's what our old friend, the producer of the event Hugh Wooldridge, has to say "Please let my colleagues at Sing Live - all over the world - know just how delighted I am that they plan to come once again and join us at the Royal Albert Hall for the magnificent chance to support a really deserving charity - Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

In 2010, we raised in excess of £125,000.00 for this wonderful charity, this time I hope we'll really raise even more by raising the roof and making music, together. With much love to all, HUGH W."

As always, Hugh will put together a wonderful programme of music and will again be inviting stars from the West End and Broadway to perform. For information of past events please look at www.thenightof1000voices.com. I know that Kerry Ellis (My Fair Lady, Chess in Concert, Wicked, Oliver) will be with us again, but in the past we have sung with (not all at the same time!!) :- Michael Ball, Glenn Close, Michael Crawford, David Essex, James Galway, Joel Grey, Roy Hudd, Gloria Hunniford, Howard Keel, Brian May, Roger Moore, Elaine Paige, Adam Pascal, Philip Quast, Tim Rice, Cliff Richard, Sally Ann Triplett, Colm Wilkinson and Riverdance. Truly this is an event not to be missed. In 2012, family favourite Christopher Biggins from TV's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here has agreed to be the host.

We are looking for singers in Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham, Nottingham, Warwick, Northern Ireland, Newcastle and London to rehearse weekly in these local Sing Live areas and Bristol with four weekend rehearsals and then come together for the main event in London. As always there are no auditions to join our company. Weekly group choral rehearsals will commence in the middle of February.

The format for the big weekend will involve a rehearsal in London on Saturday 5th May, (attendance at this rehearsal in London is mandatory), Saturday evening at leisure, Sunday 6th May – a rehearsal and then the performance followed by an after show get together in a hotel in Kensington. If there is sufficient demand there will also be a matinee performance on Sunday 6th May; tickets are already selling very well so it looks likely that there will be two performances.

Performance fee

The rehearsal and performance fee for this event will be £170.00 (incl VAT). A donation of £20 per person participating will be made to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Last year a number of fund raising activities took place within Sing Live, this year we have agreed to include a specific donation instead. The fee also includes a performance tee-shirt which will bear the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research logo, to be worn with your own black trousers and black shoes.

In order to help your personal cash flow it is possible to make staged payments. You can also pay by credit/debit card please see the attached forms for these methods of payment or you can pay by cheque with your application.

Tickets

Throughout November and December Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research will have an allocation of tickets put aside for Sing Live which will not incur the same booking fee applicable at the Royal Albert Hall. Please ring Sammy Hamilton on 020 7269 9061 and quote Sing Live. After this (or before if you wish) tickets are at the box office on 0845 401 5045 or go to the Royal Albert Hall website at royalalberthall.com where you can see the May 6, 2012 plan of the Hall and select your chosen area under 'What's On & Buy Your Tickets'. Ticket prices are as follows:

Grand Tier Boxes	£67.50	Rear Arena	£52.50	Restricted view Circle	£25.00
Loggia Boxes	£65.50	2nd Tier Boxes	£60.00	R/V Choir Circle	£15.50
Stalls	£60.00	Front Circle (1 - 4)	£47.50		
Front Arena	£60.00	Rear Circle (5 - 7)	£35.00		

Travel and Accommodation

Sing Live have put a travel and accommodation package together for all areas other than Sing Live London! The coaches will depart from our local Sing Live areas early on Saturday morning 5th May (exact locations unknown, but generally somewhere where parking is available, but no guarantees!) There are two return options; one departing London at 4pm on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May or one straight after the show on Sunday 6th May. (this option is not available for Bristol) The travel package price includes return coach transfer from local Sing Live areas, and accommodation in a four star hotel in Kensington including full English breakfast, internal transfers from the rehearsals on Saturday, and transfers to and from the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday. There is also an accommodation only option. We allocate hotels near to the time of travel depending on the size of the groups from each area, so that we can try and keep company members together.

In most cases singers from the same company will be accommodated together. However, this may not be possible if the individual requirements are different. For Sing Live Northern Ireland we have not included a flight and airport transfer option - you will need to make your own way there, however you can opt for internal transfers see ** below!

Our travel packages are there to facilitate an accessible weekend where the thinking is done for you, so singers can enjoy the group camaraderie of travelling together, staying together, playing together and most importantly, singing together! Applications including the travel package will take priority over singers wishing to make their own arrangements, as it is logistically easier if we know where everyone is! Our packages are open to our singers, their families and friends. **All applications for the travel package must be returned with performance applications**, as we need to confirm numbers for the concert to the Director, and confirm rooms to the hotels well in advance. As it is the Olympic year the hotel deadlines are much stricter for group bookings than previously. Please submit one booking form per room for the package. E.g. for a twin room there should be one travel package booking form and two singing applications all in the same envelope! As we need to confirm things so far ahead this time we have put together a special payment plan in order to assist you with your budgeting for this trip.

Please make sure you have valid travel insurance to cover this trip. Sing Live can take no responsibility and make no refunds for changes in the social or economic climate that might affect the services of the suppliers, including unforeseen cancellation of the event itself. All monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travel or not.

Transport & Accommodation Packages

Saturday/Sunday with coach travel – departing around 7am on Saturday 5th May, overnight stay for two nights, departing at 4pm on Monday 7th May. (Singers and guests applying for this option will take priority)

Saturday Only with coach travel – departing around 7am on Saturday 5th May, overnight stay and returning around midnight after the show on Sunday 7th May.

(Please note the option to return home by coach straight after the show will involve several drop off points. Due to the length of the homeward journey in 2010 and the fact that the coach stopped at every location we will be restricting the number of stops to 4 this time. So please be aware that you may need to travel to a departure point to ensure your vehicle is there on your return!)

Both the above options include coach travel to and from the rehearsal on Saturday afternoon (the singers will go directly to the rehearsal and the guests will go on to the hotels) and to the rehearsals/concert on Sunday. After the show the Saturday only people will return home and the two night option people will return to the hotel.

The prices are based on current figures from the coach company. Fuel surcharges are out of our control but may be applied at a later date.

Accommodation Only Packages

Saturday night - accommodation only

Saturday and Sunday nights - accommodation only

Sunday night only – this is available to Guests who may wish to come and see the concert and stay overnight. To ensure they have a ticket for the event please see the ticket booking details. This option is not available to singers as they would need to be in London on Saturday for the rehearsal.

Those taking the accommodation only option will need to make their own way to the rehearsals and concert. However, subject to availability, internal transfers (to and from our hotels) can be booked in advance by ticking the box on the form and enclosing a separate cheque for £15 per person. **

Prices and payment deadlines for the packages are detailed on the booking form. A deposit of £75 per person is due upon application and the balance no later than 1st March 2012. If you wish to pay by staged payments or credit/debit card please refer to the attached forms for these methods of payment.

We will acknowledge your accommodation request but please note full details of which hotels and timings for the coach pickups will not be available until much closer to the travelling dates as with such a large booking changes can take place.

Please note there will be an initial deadline of 1st December 2011 when we need to confirm numbers.

We look forward to another amazing Sing Live experience at the Royal Albert Hall with you all.

Kindest regards The Sing Live Team.