

A night of comedy

In aid of Olivia's Vision

Thursday 6th October 2011

Four Seasons Hotel
Hamilton Place, Park Lane, London



Charity number 1138599

Programme

7.00pm: Reception

7.45pm: Welcome speech by Nick Davis

8.00pm: Dinner is served

9.15pm: Speech by Professor Ayliffe on behalf of the Olivia's Vision Medical Advisory Board

10.00pm: Comedy show – first half

10.30pm: Auction conducted by Mr John "Fingers" Fingleton

11.00pm: Comedy show – 2nd half

11.30pm: Jack Whitehall to close the evening with announcement of Silent Auction and Raffle winners

Menu

Prawn Cocktail (Vegetarian option available)

Steak and Chips (Vegetarian option available)

Chocolate and Pistachio Mousse

Wines

San Michele Appiano Pinot Grigio, 2009, Italy

Altos las Hormigas Malbec, 2009, Argentina



In 2009 we received the devastating news that our nine-year old daughter was going blind from an incurable disease we'd never heard of: uveitis.

Having lost all vision in her right eye we were informed that Olivia's left eye was also under attack. With steroid treatment alone she would be completely blind within six months.

The Charity

Following Olivia's diagnosis we were desperate for information, advice and support. The urgent need to speak to others suffering from uveitis, to learn all we could about this illness, and to fight for our child became overwhelming.

The lack of data and the absence of a network led us to create our own community and resulted in the founding of our own uveitis charity: "Olivia's Vision".

Our aims were clear from the outset: we had to prevent children and adults from needlessly losing vision. We had to stop others experiencing the sense of isolation and desperation we felt. We needed to warn others of the danger of this disease; and we wanted to help patients gain access to the few uveitis experts who would, where necessary, fight for their patients using the latest drugs and knowledge.



What is uveitis

Uveitis is an inflammatory eye disease. It is the third most common cause of avoidable blindness in the western world. There is no cure. Much of the sight loss from chronic uveitis is needless and is caused through under treatment, overuse of steroid and/or a patient's lack of access to specialist care in a timely manner.

In Olivia's case the uveitis had been silently robbing her of her sight for years, she'd had no prior symptoms. The only treatment that could possibly save her remaining vision was, and two years later still is, chemotherapy and immunosuppressant therapy.

Approximately 50% of uveitis patients never discover the cause of their uveitis. For others a proportion will have an underlying systemic disease such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, and for many children, including Olivia, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis will be associated with this destructive sight threatening disease.



“Thank you for setting up Olivia's Vision. I really don't know where I would turn at the moment if Olivia's Vision wasn't here.”

Jacqui, mother to Helena aged 6

What we do

Our website gives patients and their families clear medical information; our Helpline, manned by volunteers 5 days a week, takes phone calls daily from those in distress; while our online forum enables adult sufferers, children and their families to post questions, and receive medical advice and emotional support from others in their position.

Olivia's Vision works with hospitals and schools to raise awareness of uveitis. Encouraging annual vision examinations from the age of two will help bring with it the earlier diagnosis of children with uveitis, particularly those like Olivia who suffer no symptoms until vision is lost.

Due to the association of uveitis with other diseases we assist charities such as Arthritis Care to promote a greater understanding of uveitis. We have recently been approached by the national body Medicine for Children Research Network, to act as the patient support group for families whose children with JIA associated uveitis will be participating in a clinical trial this year, testing Humira, a relatively new biologic drug.

Fundraising

Together with our Medical Advisory Board, we have recognised that not only do we need to champion the earlier diagnosis of uveitis, we also need to increase the current insufficient numbers of uveitis specialists to effectively treat the disease.

Olivia's Vision seeks to raise funds to sponsor the training of more uveitis specialists under the skilled guidance of our Medical Advisory Board Professors.

The first Fellow to undertake this highly specialised training in medical ophthalmology, immunology and research is expected to be in post in 2012.



“I honestly don't know what I'd do without Olivia's Vision. This seems the one place I feel I get support and good advice.”

Sarah, mother to Owen aged 5

“Thanks so much for all your support, love and kindness, it means a lot. I am grateful every day for this charity, for helping me find hope for my daughter at last.”

Natalie, mother to Ellie aged 13

The Olivia's Vision Fellowship

The two year Fellowships aim to increase the number of specialists in Intraocular Inflammatory Eye Disease. This will expand the medical ophthalmology care for patients with uveitis, where there are too many patients for too few specialists.

Research, a greater understanding of multisystem disease, of modern pharmacology and immunology will further enhance the ability to deliver excellent health care to patients.

The training our Fellows will receive is unavailable elsewhere in the UK.

Successful applicants will be taught by and will receive guidance from the Olivia's Vision Medical Advisory Board, comprised of the three most eminent uveitis experts in the UK.

The Fellow will:

- Receive enhanced training in the diagnosis of uveitis
- Develop an advanced understanding of pharmacology to treat patients using a range of immunosuppressant and biologic agents
- Understand the surgical management of the complications of uveitis
- Engage in laboratory science and research
- Broaden knowledge of other specialties frequently associated with uveitis, including rheumatology.

The first sponsored Fellowship will commence in 2012 and will cost £150,000 over the two year term.

The charity's short-term aim is to sponsor three Fellowships annually. This will require us to raise in excess of £225,000 per annum, based on current salaries.

Long-term we hope to raise sufficient funds to open specialist uveitis clinics with dedicated paediatric units, run and staffed by our own 'homegrown' uveitis experts. Only then will every uveitis patient gain access to the care and treatment they so desperately need.

Every year adults and children alike are being condemned to living their life in darkness. We need your help to stop this from happening.

Please give generously.



Testimonials from the Medical Advisory Board

Professor William Ayliffe

BSc (Hons), MBBS, DO, FRCS (Ed), FRCS (Lond), FRCOphth, PhD

"There is definitely a need for more resources to be put into this disease which has been ignored for too long. Many cases of blindness are preventable by treatment and by referring people early on so you don't get complications. If a doctor only sees one or two patients a year, he is not aware of the consequences of his actions, of either under or over treating with steroids, both of which have their own perils. Of the thousands with a strain of uveitis, an estimated half of those will be sight threatening."

Professor Andrew Dick

BSc (Hons), MBBS, MD, FRCP, FRCS (Lond), FRCS (Ed), FRCOphth, FMedSci, FBS

"It remains a privilege to be asked to serve patient-led charitable movements, and Olivia's Vision exemplifies the rightful strength of the Patient voice. Olivia's Vision is driven by patient wishes that we as professionals are here to advise and respond to. My hope is that with the increasing vocal and illustrated collective need the recognition for funding specialist services, training and research will be generated."

Professor Phil Murray

MBBS, DO (RCS), PhD, FRCP, FRCS, FRCOphth

"Uveitis comprises a group of potentially sight threatening conditions affecting mainly adults but also children. Uveitis is puzzling as in many patients we do not know the cause or cannot predict whether the condition will recur or even persist for many years. Some patients need very strong therapies to suppress the body's immune system. Patients with uveitis require and deserve to see doctors who have an understanding of these conditions.

The establishment of Olivia's Vision is an exciting development that I am confident will lead to patient benefit. For those doctors wishing to specialise in uveitis there are limited training opportunities.

The generosity of Olivia's Vision will allow more doctors to have the opportunity to gain an expertise in the management of patients with uveitis. Not only will this be of benefit to the patients they see but also will allow these doctors to train the uveitis specialists of the future."

"It's nice to be able to have people understand it's not just a sore eye!"

Layla

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The auction

Two Rugby Coaching Sessions

Chris Bell (Wasps) and Will Skinner (Quins) will each come to your local rugby training ground and put your or your child's team through its paces during two separate coaching sessions. They may even bring with some goodies!

Donated by Chris Bell & Will Skinner

Heart FM Visit

If you've ever wondered what it's like on the other side of the radio then this is your chance! You and 3 guests can enjoy a tour around the Heart FM studios, followed by breakfast with top DJ Harriet Scott!

Donated by our Patron Harriet Scott

Diversity Master Class

If your kids are crazy for street dancing then this is the ideal prize for your little darlings! Let your kids and up to 4 of their friends enjoy the thrill of a master class with members of Diversity, the professional dance group and winners of the 2009 hit TV show "Britain's Got Talent".

Donated by Diversity

Maserati GranCabrio for the weekend

Win the chance to take (temporary!) possession of this beautiful 4 seater convertible for a long weekend. Delivery and collection anywhere within the M25.

Donated by HR Owen Maserati

Visit to the Tottenham Hotspur Training Facility

A must for any Spurs fan! Win a trip to Spurs Lodge, Tottenham Hotspur's training facility in Chigwell, Essex. The visit will consist of two passes to watch Harry Redknapp / First Team coaches put the First Team through their paces. You will also be given the opportunity to meet members of the Spurs First Team squad and have an item you may wish to bring with you signed by a player/s.

Donated by Tottenham Hotspur FC

The Ultimate Arsenal Package at the Exclusive Diamond Club

The most prestigious destination in sport is now available to the winner and 1 guest. A pair of Arsenal Diamond Club tickets, champagne, nibbles and lunch 'a la carte' at Raymond Blanc's restaurant, is all included in this rarer than rare package! Enjoy the game in the most luxurious of settings, and take home a signed Arsenal football shirt.

Donated by Lord Harris of Peckham

Sky Sports Saturday Live

You and 1 guest will visit the Sky Sports Studios and watch Sky Sports Soccer Saturday live. You will tour the brand new state-of-the-art Sky Sports Studio and watch the award winning Soccer Saturday show being broadcast live. You will see the Premier League games beamed into the broadcast gallery live from across the country and have the chance to meet Jeff Stelling and the Soccer Saturday Team.

Donated by Raymond Jaffe at The Promotions Factory and the Sky Sports team

A Sunseeker Experience

A day tour for 4 people at the luxury boat manufacturer 'Sunseeker' in Poole. The prize includes a tour of the technical centre and factory, and weather permitting an onboard cruise in surrounding Poole. This prize includes lunch and one night accommodation at the luxury Hotel du Vin.

Donated by Sunseeker & Hotel du Vin

Chalet in Courchevel

Seven days for up to 14 people in the luxurious surroundings of this beautifully appointed 7 bedroom Chalet situated in the pretty village of la Praz in Courchevel 1300. The chalet is a 7 minute lift from 1850. It features sauna, steam room and jacuzzi as well as a boot room with heated boot racks. Fitted with Sky, DVDs and wifi, this really would make for a fabulous family trip or excellent fun for a boys adventure!

Donated by Richard Griffiths

Emerald

Get back into your loved one's good book! Courtesy of Gemfields plc, this beautiful and certified emerald octagon weighing 3.60ct, with dimensions of 10mm x 7.8mm is sure to make the perfect gift.

Donated by Gemfields plc

The silent auction prizes

Make-Up Consultation with Kay Montano

Kay Montano, make-up artist to the stars has offered 1 lucky winner a once in a lifetime opportunity: a personal make-up consultation with Kay herself. Clients include Kiera Knightley, Nicole Kidman and Thandie Newton. Kay's portfolio includes Vogue and Vanity Fair, Armani, Ralph Lauren and Chanel. You might never look this good again!

Donated by Kay Montano

Chauffeur driven Bentley and Dinner at the Arts Club

You and 3 guests can enjoy the luxury of a chauffeur driven Bentley for the day. Enjoy a wonderful dinner at the Arts Club Mayfair, before being whisked home in style.

Donated by Jack Barclay & Gary Landesberg

Signed Kevin Pieterse Shirt

Be the envy of your cricket mates and purchase this signed shirt as worn by Kevin during the Ashes.

Donated by Richard Chilvers

Signed Wayne Rooney Shirt

Proof that Wayne can write! Win this England home shirt personally signed by Wayne Rooney during an exclusive signing session in Manchester on March 25th 2010. The white shirt, which is printed with the number 10 on the front, comes with an official certificate of authenticity featuring an image of Rooney at the signing session.

Donated by Lee Reuben/Initial Incentives

Signed England Football Shirt

Wave the England flag! This England shirt has been signed by the entire England football squad from the England V Denmark match on 9th February 2011 and comes with a letter of authenticity from the FA.

Donated by Lawrence Davis

Signed Pelé Shirt

This retro 1970 gold Brazil shirt was personally signed by the greatest footballer of all time in an exclusive signing session organized and carried out by Icons in London on September 8th 2006. The iconic gold Brazil shirt comes with an official certificate of authenticity featuring an image of Pelé signing the shirt.

Donated by Lee Reuben/Initial Incentives

Signed Manchester City Shirt

The world's most expensive football squad have signed this season's home shirt. The 2011/2012 shirt comes with an official certificate of authenticity.

Donated by Manchester City FC

Jamie Oliver's Barbecoa

Enjoy a three course meal for 2 people with specially selected wines at Jamie Oliver's new restaurant Barbecoa, plus 2 personalised signed books.

Donated by Jamie Oliver

Manchester United Tickets

You and 3 guests are invited to attend any Manchester United game including the group stages of the Champions League. The 4 seats are located in the North Stand Block N2405.

Donated by James Lever

Star Raffle Prize

There is just one raffle prize but what a prize it is! Generously donated by Namakwa Diamonds Ltd, the exceptionally lucky winner will be rewarded with a beautiful diamond weighing 2ct. Each ticket costs £50 or 3 tickets for £100, and like all good raffles you can buy as many tickets as you like. In fact we insist!!



The evenings entertainers



David Armand

David Armand is a comedy actor and writer who has starred on TV in shows such as Fast and Loose, The Armstrong and Miller Show, How Not To Live Your Life, Pulling and Peep Show. He was a member of the award-winning four-man sketch group The Hollow Men, stars of their own self-titled TV series for Comedy Central in the USA, as well as two series for BBC Radio 4 in the UK.

He is currently one of the writers and stars of the BAFTA nominated and critically acclaimed childrens comedy shows Sorry I've Got No Head and Pixelface.

On YouTube, the videos of his "interpretative dances" to songs such as Natalie Imbruglia's Torn have become a phenomenon; they have received over ten million views, and led to him appearing on stage with artists such as Queen and Natalie Imbruglia herself. David frequently performs live in character as Johann Lippowitz - an Austrian interpretative dance expert... Johann, the world's foremost exponent of the art of interpretive dance, is currently in the UK employing his talents in a series of workshops and demonstrations.

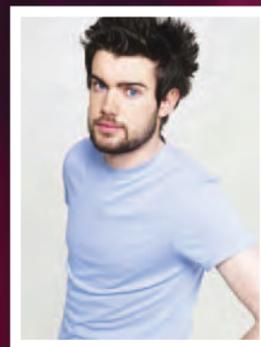


Dynamo

Tipped as the most exciting British magician to emerge in decades, Dynamo had stunned audiences and celebrities around the world with his genre-bending cocktail of large scale illusions, incredible sleight of hand and innovative street magic. The 28 year-old's list of celebrity fans now reads like a 'who's who' of the Hollywood elite; Will Smith, Diddy, Jay Z, Coldplay, Russell Brand, Gwyneth Paltrow, The Black Eyed Peas and Paris Hilton are just a few of the names who've raved about his unique talent.

Having performed in the UK and US for several years, in 2007 actor Will Smith presented Dynamo with an award on behalf of the Princes Trust where he continued to wow the audience with his incredible stunts. Dynamo went on to appear on Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, perform on MTV's EMA's, appear on the catwalk for Naomi Campbell's Fashion for Relief, amaze guests at a private dinner for Jay-Z and perform at Lewis Hamilton's birthday party. In 2010 Dynamo participated in Sport Relief on BBC1.

His debut series 'Dynamo: Magician Impossible' was broadcast on Sky channel Watch this year and broke all viewing records with over 1m viewers of the first episode slot which usually sees only 100K.



Jack Whitehall

At just twenty-three years old Jack has made a remarkable impact upon the comedy world. In August 2009, he was nominated for the Best Newcomer Award at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards for his debut solo Fringe sell out show, Nearly Rebellious. In 2010 he returned to Edinburgh with a brand new stand-up show entitled Learning Difficulties. This year Jack brought two shows to the Fringe, performing his solo stand-up show Jack Whitehall: Let's Not Speak Of This Again at the EICC and, with his father, the chat show Back Chat. Both were massive sell out successes and Jack will be taking Let's Not Speak Of This Again on the road in autumn 2011 for his first series of solo live dates.

Having established his prodigious talent on the live circuit, this so-called 'newcomer' has become an increasingly sought after television stand-up star. Currently a regular on Stand Up For The Week, Channel 4's weekly satirical live stand up show, Jack has also appeared on the most recent series of Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Mock The Week. Also an experienced presenter, Jack has guest-hosted Never Mind the Buzzcocks, co-written and presented TNT Show on Channel 4 and in 2009, hosted Celebrity Big Brother's Big Mouth for its three week run live on E4.



Ilan Stone

Ranked amongst the top ten stand-ups in Britain by The Independent, Ilan Stone is one of the most talented topical acts and comperes in the country. Edgy and provocative, with an easy-going manner and self-depreciating style, Ilan is at great ease bantering with an audience. He's also a member of the Comedy Store's critically acclaimed 'Cutting Edge' team. Ilan's many television appearances include Mock The Week, The World Stands Up, The Comedy Store, Never Mind The Buzzcocks, The Stand-Up Show, Saturday Live, Live at Jongleurs & The 11 O'clock Show. He was most recently seen as a contributor to BBC3's Most Annoying People of 2010. He also appeared in two series of The Katy Brand Show for ITV2. Ilan wrote for The Omid Djalili show on BBC1 and has written gags for The Sketch Show on ITV1 and Alistair McGowan's Big Impression (BBC 1).



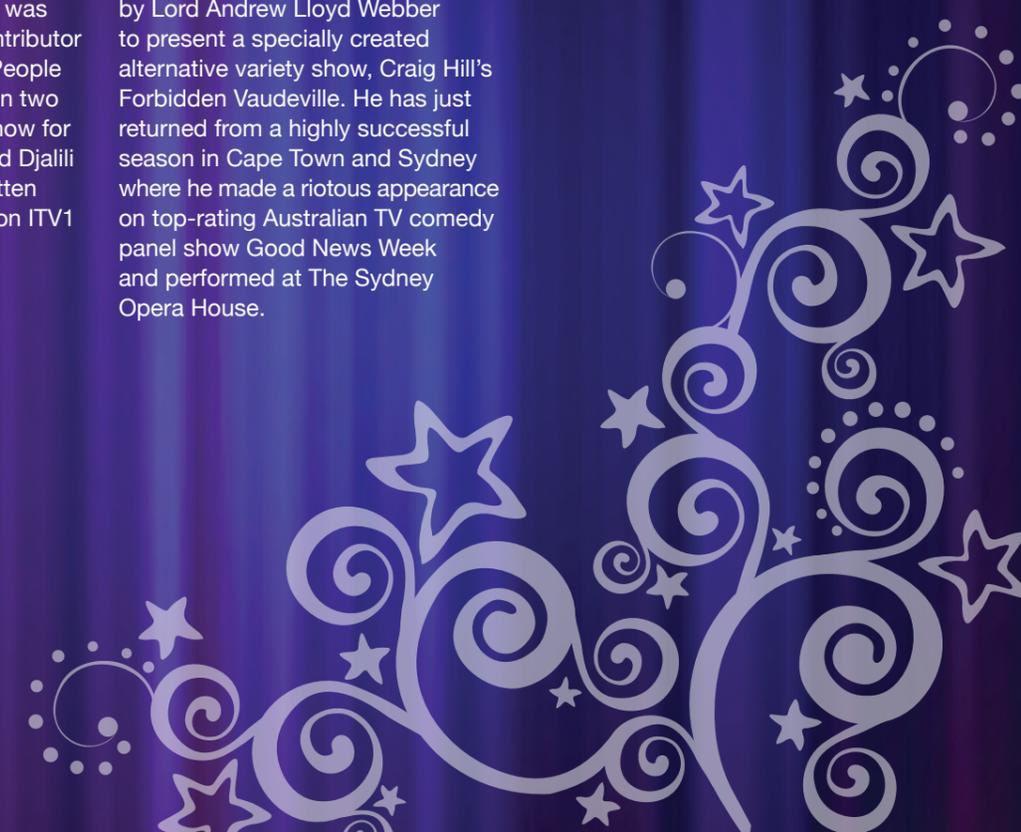
Craig Hill

Craig has firmly established himself as one of the UK's best-loved entertainers with five BBC TV series to his name and many more guest appearances besides. He has sold out all his previous festival shows, all of which subsequently went on to tour successfully throughout the UK and internationally. In 2008 he co-starred with Sally Lindsay in the UK tour of the hit show (and Eurovision Song Contest satire) Eurobeat almost Eurovision. He also performed a 35 minute extended solo set at The London Palladium (where he received a massive ovation) and was invited by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber to present a specially created alternative variety show, Craig Hill's Forbidden Vaudeville. He has just returned from a highly successful season in Cape Town and Sydney where he made a riotous appearance on top-rating Australian TV comedy panel show Good News Week and performed at The Sydney Opera House.



John (Fingers) Fingleton, Auctioneer Extraordinaire

Fingers has undertaken almost 400 Charity and Fundraising Auctions, raising well over £5.7 million for numerous worthwhile causes and, in the process, has attracted a welter of glittering testimonials.



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