



A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO HONOUR H M FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN
Proceeds in aid of Help for Heroes and the RAF Music Charitable Trust

7.30pm Thursday 24 June 2010 - De Montfort Hall, Leicester

My son, Duncan Opie (a musician with the Band of the RAF Regiment based at Cranwell in Lincolnshire) has just returned from a four month deployment to Camp Bastion in Afghanistan. He managed the passenger and freight terminal of the Joint Helicopter Support Unit.

His father-in-law, Malcolm Goodman, and I have decided to establish what we hope will become an annual fundraising concert in association with Help for Heroes.

The concert will be called 'Music for Heroes' and will raise funds for Help for Heroes and the RAF Music Charitable Trust.

The concert will feature the Band of the RAF Regiment, and their Big Band, The Shades of Blue Orchestra along with the RAF's own Soul and Blues Group (which regularly visits operational theatres to entertain the troops) 'TNT' Soul Explosion with guest vocalist Tori Beaumont.

The programme will also include performances and musical arrangements by our own RAF musician 'heroes' from the RAF bands who have recently served on operational duties in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The concert will be conducted by Flying Officer Richard Murray (Director of Music with the RAF bands).

Currently enquires are also being made with the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire to see if it might be possible to arrange the attendance of a member of the Royal Family.

Supported by Help for Heroes and in association with Selly Oak Hospital, in the audience will be a number of specially invited injured servicemen with their families representing the real heroes for which this concert is raising funds.

This project will represent one of the official RAF events in support of Armed Forces Day 2010, and is being organised on an entirely voluntary basis. Malcolm is a founding Trustee of the RAF Music Charitable Trust.

For further information please contact Simon Opie on 01494 433612.

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