

Stars Singing Carols for Sick Kids

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Celebrities will gather for a special Carols for Christmas concert to help raise cash for the Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF). The concert will be held in the Parish Church of St Cuthbert from 6:30-8:30pm on Tuesday 6th December. Tickets are priced at £15.

The charity's twelfth annual carol service will help spread festive cheer in the capital with guest appearances from some of the hospital's children and top Scottish personalities.

Attending the evening is novelist Ian Rankin, comedian Fred MacAulay, actress Jennifer Black, and MSPs Roseanna Cunningham and Margo MacDonald. These special guests will perform traditional seasonal readings as well as new works created by the winners of the SKFF Christmas Creativity competition.

The competition gave fifth and sixth year pupils from across Edinburgh a chance take part in competitive writing contest to raise awareness for the charity.

Internationally acclaimed author Alexander McCall Smith judged the applicants and was very impressed by the standard of work. He picked winners Angus Halley of Erskine Stewart's Melville College who wrote 'My Undefined Christmas', Lorna Hewitt of George Heriot's School's '1914' and Hannah Campbell of Erskine Stewart's Melville who submitted 'Love Came Down at Christmas'.

The public are invited to join the merriment and sing along with festive crooners, Fettes College Choir, and Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band. This will be followed by mince pies and refreshments.

Maureen Harrison, Chief Executive of the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, said: "Carols for Christmas is a fantastic event that we all look forward to each year. Christmas is a magical time for children and we enjoy making it special for them.

"We would like to offer our congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Creativity Competition. The standard of entries was undoubtedly high this year, but these three really stood out for their originality and imagination.

"The concert will raise funds for projects related to children's eyesight. By coming and taking part in Carols for Christmas you will be helping us provide support for children with sight impairments. Tickets and donations on the night will go towards our appeal to help us to reduce the risks of sudden blindness during neurosurgery, provide clearer diagnosis using a very special camera, fund surgical equipment to treat conditions which can cause blindness and allow us to refurbish the children's play and waiting area at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion based on Chalmers Street, Edinburgh."

For tickets contact Linda Cameron on 0131 668 4949 or linda.cameron@luht.scot.nhs.uk or visit us at www.edinburghsickkids.org