

Dick Gaughan benefit concert at Festival Theatre



Illness has curtailed the activities one of Edinburgh's greatest performers, Dick Gaughan, but not before some old pals and fans have rallied to help.

This benefit concert takes place on Sunday 27 November, 7.30pm Tickets £25 at the Festival Theatre.

It will be compered by the incomparable Elaine C Smith and will feature performances by Eddi Reader (pictured), Billy Bragg, Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, Karine Polwart – with more acts to be announced.

Billy Bragg, a long-time admirer of Dick Gaughan, has been well known since the 1980s when he burst into a fraught political decade and became very quickly recognised for his songs presenting 'the perfect Venn diagram between the political and the personal' (*Guardian*).

Phil and Aly have been life-long friends of Dick's since the 1970s when Aly and Dick were members of the renowned folk group, Boys of the Lough.

Karine Polwart has long been a fan of Dick's and in the past 20 years or so has become a very well-known award-winning performer.

Karine's recent (2016) Edinburgh Festival show at the Lyceum Theatre, *Wind Resistance*, sold out its three-week run in record time to become one of the hottest tickets.

Just confirmed to join them, the supremely talented Eddie Reader will perform songs in support of and in tribute to the legendary Dick Gaughan, Scottish musician, singer and

songwriter.

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