Concert to be held in May to mark VE80

Poppyscotland and Legion Scotland are organising a joint concert at Usher Hall to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

Scotland's Salute VE80 will take place on 6 May with music from a tri-service orchestra telling the story of the victory. It will bring the stories of those who were there to life and will be an act of remembrance.

The event will be narrated by Alasdair Hutton OBE TD, previously the voice of the world-renowned Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with BFBS's own Mark Mckenzie acting as the evenings compere.

Dr Claire Armstrong, OBE, Chief Executive of Legion Scotland said: "Legion Scotland are exceptionally proud to bring the latest in our commemorative concerts in honour of this historic milestone in partnership with Poppyscotland. Our Scotland Salutes concert is set to be a fantastic evening, with wonderful music and stories playing out on stage, whilst representing our nation coming together to reflect on the momentous occasion that was Victory in Europe, 80 years on."

Gordon Michie, Head of Fundraising and Learning at Poppyscotland added: "It is always important to reflect on the sacrifices that Service requires, and indeed to celebrate VE Day, in particular in 2025 given that it is the 80th anniversary of such a historic event.

"All profits made from ticket sales will be split 50/50 between Legion Scotland and Poppyscotland. Profits will go directly to supporting the Armed Forces community in Scotland, through Legion Scotland's comradeship events and Poppyscotland's welfare provisions."

Tickets for this one-off concert spectacular, which are priced at £20.25 for the Stalls, £25 for the Grand Circle and £19.45 for the Upper Circle, and are the perfect Christmas gift for your loved ones, are available from November 25th and can be booked through the <u>Usher Hall booking office online</u> or by calling 0131 228 1155.

