

# Guildford Cathedral concert for brave Rowan

SINGERS from Guildford, Salisbury and London will join forces in Guildford Cathedral on Saturday May 23 for a charity concert.

A *Concert for Rowan* will feature performances by 300 musicians of varying ages and abilities, including the George Abbot and Tormead School choirs.

Nine-year-old Rowan has been fighting a brain tumour for the past five years. In the last two years, she has collected more than 550 'beads of courage', each one representing a treatment, operation, injection or test.

Will Todd, Rowan's father, is a well-loved world-famous Guildford composer while her mother, Beth, is a soprano jazz singer.

The concert aims to raise funds for the Rainbow Trust, which supports the families of children with serious or terminal illnesses.

Mr Todd said: "It's hard work supporting a seriously ill child.

"As well as being a worrying experience, there are also the practicalities of life which must carry on - working, other children, normal things - that become more difficult when you are plunged into a situation like ours.

"Our day-to-day life has been wonderfully supported by the Rainbow Trust, and in particular by Janet, our family support worker, providing practical and emotional support to all of us, taking Rowan and her mum to the many hospital appointments, leaving me free to work and look after our other children."

Music communities and celebrities from all over the UK are pulling together and showing support for Rowan, her family and the Rainbow Trust.

John Rutter, world-famous composer, said: "As patron of the Salisbury Community Choir, I encourage you to support this special concert"

Tickets are available by calling 01483 444334 or online at [vivacechorus.org](http://vivacechorus.org).

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