



Press Release
RUSSELL WATSON
Songs From The Heart Tour

Begins....

“A National Treasure!” – Ken Bruce, BBC Radio 2

Musical Village have once again been invited to perform live on stage with Russell Watson, this time at **De Montfort Hall, Leicester** on **Wednesday 13th April 2016**

2015 was a phenomenal year for Russell Watson, with a sell-out UK tour, special guest performances at US National Memorial Day in Washington DC singing live to 350,000 people, the Caracalla Unicef Concert in Rome and BBC Proms In the Park - a staggering total of 92 live performances!

Russell's career to date has seen some incredible achievements; his debut album 'The Voice' held simultaneous number 1 slots in the US and UK (a world first), spending a record breaking 52 weeks at number 1 in the UK. Russell has sold in excess of 7 million albums and won 4 Classical BRITS.

This year Russell will be recording a brand new album at Ennio Morricone's studio in Rome. The album will include several original pieces co-written by Russell himself, and he will be joined by an impressive line-up of supporting musicians. Together with the magnificent orchestras of The Vatican and La Scala, Russell will be accompanied by Nigel Harrison (Blondie), Clive Deamer (Radiohead, Portishead), Danny Robinson, (Jimi Hendrix foundation), Mikey Rowe (Oasis, Noel Gallagher's High Flying birds), and Gregory Darling (Julian Lennon).

The 'Songs From The Heart' tour will feature a stunning collection of our best loved songs, plus an exclusive preview of selected tracks from the forthcoming studio album.

Russell has always been a strong supporter of community choirs, especially after his time as a judge on the BBC prime time show 'Last Choir Standing'. Russell enjoyed being part of the show immensely and as a result, last year's Up Close & Personal tour featured local community choirs at each show. Following the success of the choirs last year, Russell is once again inviting local choirs to join him on stage.

“Last year's choirs brought an added energy to the show, something you can only achieve when a range of voices come together as one, and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to perform with local choirs once again this year” ~ Russell

Captivating to watch and enchanting to listen to, Russell continues to wow audiences with his enigmatic and entertaining live performances.

“He sings like Pavarotti, and entertains the audience like Sinatra” – NY Times

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