



Preterm infants receive prominent support: star pianist Robert Wells (left) together with Silke Mader (EFCNI), well-known chef Stefan Marquard and rock musician Jakob Samuel (right) at the premiere of "Sing me another song", the first charity song for preemies, in Munich/Germany.

Press Information

Stars unite for Preterm Infants

Renowned pianist Robert Wells, rock musician Jakob Samuel and well-known chef Stefan Marquard support preterm infants

Munich, October 6, 2009 – More than one million infants die each year because they are born too early: This is the sad result of a study published by US-organization March of Dimes. 60.000 infants come into the world too early every year in Germany. This is the reason why the Munich-based foundation EFCNI (European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants) has initiated the Prematurity Awareness Day. It will take place on November 17, 2009 for the first time with a multitude of activities happening at the same time across Europe, North America and Australia.

Charity Concert in Munich featuring Robert Wells and Stefan Marquard

Christine Strobl, vice-mayor of Munich, has taken over the patronage for the charity event in Munich. Renowned pianist Robert Wells and German TV-chef Stefan Maquard have joined forces in order to call attention to the problems of the largest children's patient group. On November 12 a charity evening will take place at the Alte Kongresshalle in Munich. Robert Wells will entertain the guests with his vast repertoire whereas Stefan Marquard will provide samples of his unconventional cooking. The entertainer, pianist and composer Robert Wells is

one of Scandinavia's most outstanding and well-known artists. His music that transfers old masters such as Bach and Beethoven softly is full of musical wit and comprises elements from classic, jazz and pop. Robert Wells composed the trailer for the Olympic Games 2008 in Beijing together with the Chinese composer Tan Dun. He is the father of a preterm infant himself and patron of the Swedish foundation Tummeliten („Tom Thumb“).

Punkrock cuisine for preterm infants

German chef Stefan Marquard who is well known for his TV productions and innovative event catering with his Jolly Roger Cooking Gang will accompany the concert providing samples of his culinary talent. The wild cook explains his support for preterm infants: „ When I heard about the problems of preterm infants, I immediately realized that I had to do something for the smallest of the small. I would like to support the largest children's patient group so that they receive the attention that they deserve.“

Sing me another song – the first charity song for preemies

Swedish rock musician Jakob Samuel and star pianist Robert Wells have composed and written a song for preemies. The title „Sing me another song“ was presented for the first time at a press conference in Munich. It will be available for download from November on at iTunes, Amazon and musicload.de. The profits will go to EFCNI and the Swedish foundation Tummeliten for their work with preterm infants and their families. Jakob Samuel, singer from the Swedish Hardrock Band The Poodles , who has been on stage with the likes as Hammerfall and Gotthard, has lent his voice to the preemie song.

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is a network for patients and their families, but also a forum for scientists working toward long-term improvement of care for preterm and sick newborns – helping Europe's largest population of sick children to get the attention and lobby they deserve. More information is available at www.efcni.org

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