

# Jai McDowall joins the line-up for Black & Red Ball

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Britain's Got Talent winner Jai McDowall (<http://www.jaimcdowallofficial.com/enter.html>) will perform alongside The X Factor Winner Shayne Ward at the 2015 Black & Red Vasculitis Charity Ball in aid of the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation (<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/>). The event will be held at the Thistle Hotel ([http://www.thistle.com/en/hotels/united\\_kingdom/glasgow/thistle\\_glasgow/index.html](http://www.thistle.com/en/hotels/united_kingdom/glasgow/thistle_glasgow/index.html)), Glasgow on Friday 18 September 2015.

Since winning Britain's Got Talent (<http://www.itv.com/britainsgottalent>) in 2011, Jai McDowall has performed on the show's national tour as well as releasing his own album, called 'Believe' (<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Believe-Jai-McDowall/dp/B005OEC3C0>), which features a selection of contemporary classics that Jai has made his own with his powerful voice.

Jai McDowall, aged 29, was born in Irvine, North Ayrshire and has sung duets with Josh Groban as well as recording a version of U2's 'With or Without You' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNmT63OD1sw>) with the Scala and Kolacny Brothers choir.

Single tickets for the event are priced from £60 and tables for ten people from £600. All proceeds from the event go to support the charity.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation was set up by Grant and Adrienne Currie following the tragic death of their 15-year old daughter and only child Lauren in 2010. Lauren had suffered from Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (formerly known as Wegener's Granulomatosis), a variant of the auto-immune disease vasculitis.

Lauren's condition was only diagnosed in the final hours of her life and her parents realised that, with earlier diagnosis, her life could have been saved.

Because vasculitis is uncommon and early diagnosis is an important factor in the effectiveness of medical care, public awareness of the condition is one of the charity's main objectives.

Speaking ahead of the event, Jai McDowall said "I am thrilled to be performing in support of the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation, alongside the very popular Shayne Ward. Lauren's parents have made great progress in raising awareness of Vasculitis, so it is an honour to be a part of such a positive campaign. I'm very much looking forward to performing."

Grant Currie said "We are delighted to have added Jai to the impressive line-up for the evening. The aim of Lauren's charity is to raise as much awareness about Vasculitis as possible, and having two high profile performers at our ball will help us spread the message."

Vasculitis refers to an inflammation of the blood vessels. It is an uncommon illness and different variations can affect people of different ages.

As well as educating the general public, the charity educates medical professionals on how to spot and diagnose the disease.

The Foundation has provided £62,000 to the University of Aberdeen (<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/>), which will be used to support a three-year PhD research project on vasculitis.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation aims to raise the international profile of vasculitis, and is one of only two vasculitis-specific charities operating in the UK.

Dr Hilary Jones (<http://www.drhilaryjones.com/>), patron of The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation, has featured in a video explaining the condition, which can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/55595845>.

Links:

<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org>

<https://vimeo.com/55595845>

<http://www.itv.com/britainsgottalent>

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Believe-Jai-McDowall/dp/B005OEC3C0>

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Images of previous fundraising events are available on request.

We would be delighted to arrange interviews with Grant Currie.

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What is the background to The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation?

Lauren was only 15 when she tragically and prematurely lost her battle with vasculitis on October 23 2010 at Crosshouse Hospital, nearly five years ago. Lauren died from Wegener's granulomatosis – a form of vasculitis which had remained undiagnosed until the final hours of her life. Lauren's lungs had been fatally damaged by vasculitis, which resulted in internal bleeding and contributed to her death.

The charity was founded within a couple of days of Lauren's death by her parents, Grant and Adrienne. The charity was named in Lauren's memory as a tribute to their daughter's inspirational character and features 'Twilight' in the title in recognition of the love she had for the Twilight books and the films. The charity was set up to help and support anyone affected by vasculitis, to raise awareness of the disease throughout the United Kingdom and to fund dedicated research that seeks to identify and improve treatments.

Lauren's charity was formerly registered in Scotland in December 2010 with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Charity Registration Number SC041934.

What are the charity's objectives?

Vasculitis has no known cause, no cure and can be fatal if left undiagnosed. The charity set out key objectives in its constitution covering awareness, education, research and patient support. The charity meets these objectives from public donations and the proceeds from our own charity events. The Foundation does not receive any government funding.

Dr Hilary had an integral role in raising the awareness of meningitis in the UK and LCTF have appointed him patron to support the heightening of awareness for vasculitis.

Website:

<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org>