



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Heli Laughs: a night of comedy in aid of Great Western Air Ambulance Charity

Monday 5 December 2022 | Bristol Old Vic Theatre | Doors open 19:00 | Show starts 19:30

Don't miss out! Tickets are selling fast for the 2022 Great Western Air Ambulance Charity's (GWAAC) annual comedy night.

Aptly named Heli Laughs, this is the second annual comedy night in aid of GWAAC. Last year's event — Laughter is the Best Medicine (also aptly named!) — was a rip-roaring success with tickets selling out fast.

This year, ticket holders will be treated to performances from top Bristol comedians and comedians from across the UK, including:

[Stuart Goldsmith](#) (Compare) — award-winning comic, speaker and host of the Comedians Comedian podcast. Stuart has been a regular at Edinburgh Fringe and appeared on several television shows.

[Matt Richardson](#) (Headliner) — multi-award-winning stand-up comedian with TV appearances under his belt, including co-hosting the Xtra Factor (ITV), Never Mind the Buzzcocks (BBC Two), Celebrity Juice (ITV), and I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here Now! (ITV2).

[Dani Johns](#) — local comedian delivering an energetic mix of storytelling and serious oversharing, described as one of the South West's most promising rising stars.

[Priya Hall](#) — Welsh-Indian stand-up comedian, writer and semi-finalist in the BBC New Comedy Awards 2021.

[Morgan Rees](#) — comedian, actor and writer boasting a densely packed arsenal of one-liners and hilarious short stories.

[Pravanya Pillay](#) — writer and comedian delivering surreal, observational comedy from a unique perspective.

[Firuz Osari](#) — local comedian and winner of the Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Award 2022.

### New this year — a VIP package

Wrap up your whole evening in advance with GWAAC's VIP ticket — not only will you avoid queuing, but you will also get two welcome drinks on arrival and delicious canapes to stop your stomach rumbling mid-show. You'll also get an interval drink and snacks at the VIP bar.

For ticket prices and to book tickets (don't delay!) visit: [greatwesternairambulance.com/comedy/](https://greatwesternairambulance.com/comedy/)

Your laughs will help save lives as 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales go towards keeping GWAAC's service operational and delivering critical care and pre-hospital emergency medicine to Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and parts of Wiltshire.

Heli Laughs wouldn't be possible without the support of sponsors [Vistair](#), [EG Carter & Co Ltd](#), [HeartSafe](#), [The Bush Consultancy](#), [Craddy's](#) and Shane Pomeroy, Project and Commercial Management.



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### Notes for editors

1. GWAAC provide the critical care and air ambulance service for 2.1 million people across the counties of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, and parts of Wiltshire.
2. The GWAAC Critical Care Team consists of highly trained and experienced Critical Care Doctors, Advanced Practitioners and Specialist Paramedics in Critical Care, who bring the skill and expertise of a hospital emergency department to the patient.
3. 2021 was the charity's second-busiest year to date, with 1,964 call-outs. The Critical Care Team attends an average of over five incidents a day, either by helicopter or in one of three critical care cars. On average each mission costs around £2,000 to attend.
4. The charity needs to raise over £4 million a year in order to remain operational, yet receives no day-to-day funding from the Government or National Lottery.

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