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### COMEDIANS, PROMOTERS AND COMEDY FANS ACROSS WALES

### UNITE FOR A COUNTRY-WIDE FUNDRAISING EFFORT

### FOR VELINDRE CANCER CENTRE

### FROM THE 10<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

This Autumn, fundraising efforts will take place across the whole of South Wales, in a coordinated programme of stand-up comedy events taking place between 10 and 16 of October. The comedy community have united in planning a series of performances, showcasing some of the best stand-up comedy talent the country has to offer, in locations across the whole of South Wales. No matter their location, no one in South Wales will have far to travel to come together in support of the incredible work undertaken by Velindre Cancer Centre and enjoy a fantastic night of laughter in the process.

After the recent news of much-loved Welsh Comedian Rhod Gilbert's cancer diagnosis as well as the incredible fundraising efforts made by Rhod for Velindre in recent years, Ammanford-based comedian and promoter Gareth P Morris was inspired to pick up the baton and ensure the rest of Wales' comedy community do their bit for the centre, in Rhod's stead:

*"Mr Gilberts fundraising work over the years has been nothing less than inspiring. I looked to organise what would be a one-off Comedy night to raise a couple of pounds for the Velindre Centre, but instead I was met with Comedians wanting to support the cause. Within an hour, we had a team of fourteen people planning out a series of shows, all geared towards fundraising for the Centre, it's been incredible to be part of it"*

Head of Fundraising at Velindre Cancer Charity, Andrew Morris said;

*"We think we know how well loved Rhod is from his sell-out shows, but the thousands of messages, cards and gifts he's receiving currently really does bring home just how much he is thought of. Rhod has done so much for Velindre that it's great to see others now supporting him and Velindre. The number of comedians that have got involved in the Wales Stands Up events to show support to Rhod and Velindre at this challenging time, really is fantastic and we know Rhod will be touched as these events encompass two things he's extremely passionate about; comedy and raising funds for Velindre."*

In response to the project, Rhod Gilbert kindly gave a few words: "I've been absolutely blown away by the many lovely messages of support, and I'm thrilled that we can come together to turn this into something so positive for such a remarkable cancer centre"

One of the many promoters involved in the project, Ellie Chopping, of Shameless Promotion said;

*"You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone in South Wales who does not have Velindre Cancer Centre to thank for the care of either themselves or someone close to them over the years so it's wonderful to be able to do something to help with their efforts and show gratitude to them for all the wonderful work they do. Even better that in these tough times we can raise funds while offering fun nights full of much-needed laughs for punters across Wales."*

Dates and venues confirmed so far for the week of comedy include:

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| <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>The Plough and Harrow<br><b>Swansea</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>King Arms Hotel<br><b>Abergavenny</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Chapel 1877<br><b>Cardiff</b>       | <b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Hardies<br><b>Merthyr Tydfil</b> |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Has Beanz<br><b>Ammanford</b>           | <b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>The Green Lady<br><b>Caerphilly</b>   | <b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Willowtown Club<br><b>Ebbw Vale</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Cwrw<br><b>Carmarthen</b>        |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Clwb Y Bont<br><b>Pontypridd</b>        | <b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>The Pipeworks<br><b>Pontyclun</b>     | <b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>Le Pub<br><b>Newport</b>            | Date TBA<br>The Royal Oak, Broadway<br><b>Cardiff</b>              |

Plus a special closing night, after the full week of fundraisers, on the **21<sup>st</sup> October** at Beefy's Comedy Club, Rhiwbina, **Cardiff**.

Additional nights are yet to be announced and promoters and comedians across the country are encouraged to get involved. Anyone interested in hosting their own night or offering their services to perform should get in touch via the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/walesstandsup](http://www.facebook.com/walesstandsup).