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**AN HISTORIC MOMENT – ROGER WATERS AND DAVID GILMOUR OF PINK FLOYD
REUNITED FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY FOR THE HOPING FOUNDATION
Hope and Optimism for Palestinians in the Next Generation
AT KIDDINGTON HALL, OXFORDSHIRE – 10TH JULY 2010**

No one would ever have predicted that Roger Waters and David Gilmour would play together again after their last performance at Live 8, but they agreed to reunite for one time only for Palestinian refugee children. It was a truly historic moment, orchestrated by the Hoping Foundation's trustees **Bella Freud, Karma Nabusi, James Fox** and **Sudhir Hazareesingh**. The trustees enlisted the help of their faithful committee, including **Laura Bailey, Jemima Khan, Dan Macmillan, Sheherazade Goldsmith, Tricia Ronane** and **Lucy Yeomans**, to ensure the success of this highly anticipated annual event.

Jemima Khan's country house provided the stunning location for this unprecedented event, beautifully decorated by Michael Howells, scented with Jo Malone candles and flowers from By Appointment Only. Guests who included **Kate Moss, Imran Khan, Lady Helen Taylor, Arki Busson, Guy Ritchie, Serena Bute, Claire Forlani, Dougray Scott, Astrid Munoz, Saffron Aldridge, Patrick Kielty, Charlotte Tilbury** and **Nick Rhodes** arrived in a fleet of gleaming XJs, kindly provided by Jaguar. On this beautiful summer evening the guests filled the gardens with excitement and anticipation for the epic evening ahead as they sipped on delicious champagne courtesy of Selfridges.

Following the sumptuous dinner of spit roast lamb from Sheherazade's Devon farm, host **Fearne Cotton** took to the stage with auctioneer **Oliver Barker** of Sotheby's to kick start the extraordinary events that followed. The atmosphere amongst the guests was electric as the first act was announced – a performance of 'Stagger Lee' by **Nick Cave** and **Jamie Hince**, with **Kate Moss** and **Susie Bick** on tambourines. With the bidding begun in earnest, Moss joked that she wouldn't take to the stage for less than £10,000. Kate need not have worried, as the good will in the room swelled to exceed this challenge, and in return Moss rocked the stage so hard that her tambourine broke in two pieces and then got auctioned off for £5,000! The crowd went wild and gave the fabulous four a standing ovation. Up next was Nick Cave with **Tom Jones**, singing a show stopping rendition of 'Green Green Grass'. This brought the guests to their feet again, with **Eric Fellner, Arki Busson, Matthew Freud** and **Imran Khan** roaring for more. The bidding frenzy continued for Tom Jones to perform 'Lord Help', and still the most anticipated moment was yet to come.

The excitement in the room rose to fever pitch as the auction brought David Gilmour and Roger Waters to the stage, performing 'To Know Him is to Love Him' to a rapturous crowd. The guests drew close to the stage like moths to a flame for a rare chance to be near these two legends and watch the masters at work. **Saffron Aldridge, Lady Helen Taylor, Brooke Ocampo, Charlotte Tilbury** and **Jazzy de Lisser** swooned to the iconic 'Wish You Were Here', and bids went through the roof for their rendition of the epic 'Comfortably Numb'. And the evening's performances ended on the ultimate high when **Arki Busson** bid an astonishing £50,000 for an encore rendition of 'Brick in the Wall', with Kate Moss and friends positioned at the very front in absolute adoration.

The evening continued in The Orangery transformed by **The Wolseley** into a bar and nightclub which saw **Guy Ritchie** and new girlfriend **Jacqui Ainsley, Bella Freud, Kate Moss, Fearne Cotton, Jeremy King, Camilla Lowther, Dougray Scott, Tim Blanks, Rifat Ozbek** and **Kinder Auggugini** dancing to the sounds of **Coz McCreery**.

The evening raised an enormous **£400,000**, which will be donated directly to childrens' projects in Palestine and the Palestinian refugee camps in the Middle East.

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Hoping stands for Hope and Optimism for Palestinians in the Next Generation. This next generation will be the key to peace. Hoping shows Palestinian children that their struggle to transform their lives is encouraged and supported by people in Britain and throughout the rest of the world. Hoping's grant application procedure seeks out projects and initiatives by community groups already working with children in the refugee camps and supports them, aiming to encourage and improve all aspects of the children's lives through art, music, social and sporting activities; and to help with their education and health.