

## BILL MARTIN MBE ANNOUNCES SHOW AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2017: ‘Congratulations and celebrations’ are in order for acclaimed Scottish songwriter Bill Martin MBE who has today announced his one man show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this summer.**

The announcement is made ahead of the 50-year anniversary this weekend since Bill Martin’s song, ‘Puppet On a String’ which was sung by Sandie Shaw and led to the UK’s first Eurovision Song Contest win in 1967.

Bill Martin will be appearing nightly (excluding Mondays) at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from 4<sup>th</sup> August to 27<sup>th</sup> August with his one man show, “*Bill Martin, The Stories Behind His Songs*”, a title which pays tribute to one of his most famous hits for Sir Cliff Richard, a song which was runner-up at Eurovision in 1968 and a UK Number 1.

His show will be performed at The Dome on George Street, Edinburgh from 8.15pm to 9.15pm. His festival performance will accompany the launch of his autobiography “*Congratulations, Songwriter To The Stars*”, which will be published this summer.

During his show, Bill will tell the stories behind his songs and will reveal what goes into writing 6 Number 1 hits. He will show video footage from the ‘60s and ‘70s and will talk about working with music icons, such as Elvis Presley, Sir Cliff Richard, The Bay City Rollers, Sandie Shaw, Cilla Black, Sir Ken Dodd, Billy Connolly, Midge Ure, Sir Van Morrison and many more.

With a career spanning almost six decades, Bill Martin is one of the few British songwriters to have Number 1's in every country in the world.

Bill Martin, said: “I am delighted to be appearing at the fringe this year. As a Scot, the festival has always held a special place in my heart.

“Winning the Eurovision Song Contest in 1967 was undoubtedly the launchpad for my career, after that I was honoured to work with so many musical icons – and with that comes some interesting, never heard before, stories.

“Over the past ten years, I have been lucky enough to travel the world on cruise ships with this audio/visual one man show and I look forward to bringing it home to Scotland.”

Tickets for his one-man show at The Dome are now on sale, please visit:

[https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on#fq=venue%3A%22The%20Dome%22&q=%3A\\*](https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on#fq=venue%3A%22The%20Dome%22&q=%3A*)

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### **Notes to Editors**

Interviews available on request.

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**About Bill Martin:**

Bill Martin is one of the UK's most acclaimed songwriters. He has been awarded 5 Ivor Novellos, including one as Songwriter of The Year. In June 2014 Bill received the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for Services to Music and Charity in Scotland.

Bill Martin will perform nightly (excluding Mondays) at The Dome (George Street) in Edinburgh during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival at 8.15pm – 9.15pm, from 4<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August.

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