

## PRESS RELEASE: CELEBRITY BUTTON ART CHARITY BOOK

Celebrity Button Art is launched on November 12, 2010 and is a charity book that will benefit a range of charities as chosen by the contributors.

The main charities that will benefit are:

- **The Royal National Institute for the Blind**
- **Birmingham Children's Hospital**
- **Acorns Children's Hospice Walsall**
- **The Association for International Cancer Research**
- **The National Autistic Society**



The book is a continuation of a fundraising project started at the beginning of the new millennium. It contains over 240 pieces of artwork collected from celebrities around the world. Each piece of work is done around a button and a full list of celebrities participating is attached. Contributors include actors, actresses, royalty, Royal Academicians, celebrity chefs, singers, authors, politicians and designers. On seven occasions celebrities have signed the card in support but not actually done artwork. The artwork has been collected over the last nine years.

During the production of this book 14 celebrities have sadly passed away and I would hope the book is a fitting tribute to their contribution. Those contributors no longer with us are Ronnie Barker, Jeremy Beadle, Tony Hart, Sir Nigel Hawthorne, John Inman, Lord Lichfield, Desmond Llewelyn, George Melly, Peggy Mount, Richard Todd, Richard Whiteley, Dame Barbara Cartland, Sir Norman Wisdom and Simon MacCorkindale.

The book is 120 pages long, contains 340 colour pictures and has a foreword by **Bonnie Tyler**. It contains a short history of the button, button assemblages made from tens of thousands of buttons and lots of other information that is related to buttons.

The launch will be accompanied by an exhibition of all the celebrity artwork and button assemblages.

The author is Karen Gammon, a retired art teacher from Staffordshire. All proceeds from the book will go to the nominated charities. Books will initially be sold from a website: [www.celebritybuttonart.com](http://www.celebritybuttonart.com) that will be launched at the same time as the book.

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