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OF A
HEART PATIENT



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Chris Green says thanks for life-saving surgery

In May 2002, Chris Green a songwriter from Burgess Hill, West Sussex was taken ill and rushed to The Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton. He needed emergency heart surgery and was put on a life support machine in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

After 6 weeks, Chris was able to leave hospital and began a long period of rehabilitation as he also needed another operation the following year for a heart valve replacement when he was ready for another operation. With help from the medical staff and surgeons he overcame this to continue on the road to recovery.

During his long period of recovery, Chris turned to his love of music to get through this time. This focus helped him to write many songs, bring together some musicians & singers to form the 'Chris Green Project' and then he produced his debut album 'Road of Many Colours'.



Chris Green
Songwriter & Musician

*See more photos on the website:
www.chrisgreenproject.com*



In a way of thanking the dedication from the hospital staff, Chris staged a charity concert in 2005 to raise funds for the Brighton Heart Support Trust. In the audience were both Chris's surgeon - Uday Trevi and Terry Ayres, the Trust's Administrator.

At the concert, Chris, Kirsty & Jo (from the Chris Green Project) performed many of his songs both from the album and other new songs and were brilliantly supported by local band the 'Burgess Hillbillies'. In particular, a poignant song "Build you a new heart" which Chris dedicated to the Trust went down very well.



Mr. Trevi, Chris Green
& Terry Ayres at the Concert

Cheque buys Heart Monitor



Dr. De Belder, Chris & Mr. Trevidi

The concert was a great success and together with the sales of Chris's Debut album, raised over £700.

Chris went to the hospital with a giant cheque to give to the Brighton Heart Support Trust and was pleased to meet again Dr. De Belder and Mr Trevidi who were both very instrumental in his recovery (see photo)

Terry Ayres, from the Trust said they were going to put the donation towards a portable Heart Monitor.

Currently, Chris is still having regular checkups to monitor his progress and has even had the opportunity to use one himself!

The work done by all the staff at the Sussex County & Heart Support Trust is greatly valued and we are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team.

It was a wonderful way in which Chris was able to use his love of music to say a big thank you for everything they have done for him.

What makes Chris 'tick'?

Besides the titanium heart valve..... fitted by the surgeons at the Sussex County, music has played a huge part in Chris's recovery.

Chris has always loved listening, playing, writing songs and producing music - so after his first heart operation this was great therapy to help him over life's hurdles.

During the times when he was unable to lead a normal life, he used his music to write with even more insight and passion which inspired him to enjoy and develop it even more.

As well as being a successful songwriter, he also plays drums, guitar and keyboards.

Having played in several bands before his heart operations, he was determined to carry on his love of performing.

With well over 100 songs written in the last few years, he used his talents to produce his first CD and then stage the Charity Concert to raise funds for the Trust at which he also performed himself.

He is a very positive person who has taken all his medical conditions face on with a determination to



get on with his life - even through trying times. Never one to complain, he is aware that maybe other people may be able to avoid going through the same as he has and is always supportive of the work offered to heart patients.

He enjoys a wide range of music styles - from the great film composer Ennio Morricone to current music of today and also has a great affinity with animals, with a particular penchant for red setters.

" I try to encourage everyone to get their Blood Pressure & Cholesterol checked to try and prevent possible health problems"

Chris's Songwriting Success

Chris started writing a long time ago and his talents were first recognized when he was runner-up in the American Song Competition.

In 2001 & 2002 he won the 'Battle of the Bands' twice on Heartbeat FM with a maximum 4 week consecutive winning streaks & was invited in the studio to talk and perform his songs live.

Encouraged by the success of his songs, he entered the prestigious UK Songwriting Competition in 2003 where he was a finalist.

Going from strength to strength, he also performed in the Grand Final of the 'International Song of Peace' in Tipperary (yes, it is a long way) reaching the last 10.

In 2004, 2005 & 2007, Chris again entered the UK Songwriting competition and achieved successes by becoming a finalist again each time.

His songs were becoming very popular by now—in particular the catchy "Which side of the Bed" which everyone loved, so he decided he would make his own

album of original songs.

This debut album, with its eclectic mix of songs, was very well received and it prompted Chris to also air his songs to a live audience.

So the concept of a Charity Concert in aid of the Brighton Heart Trust was duly arranged and the rest is history.....

And the next project is....?



Chris's Debut Album
'Road of Many Colours'

This can be purchased through his website:

www.chrisgreenproject.com