

Wilton's Music Hall reopens after four years of repair work

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The front door of Wilton's Music Hall James Perry

Wilton's Music Hall has reopened to the public following four years of repair works to secure its long-term future. A further 40% of the building - previously inaccessible – is now also available for use.

The £4million project was made possible with significant support from a number of funders, including £1.8m from HLF. As well as supporting 74% of Wilton's building repair and conservation costs, including a purpose-built learning and participation studio, HLF has supported a three-year programme of schools and community activities and events.

Wilton's is now able to present a long-term artistic programme which befits the building's future. The inaugural production of the artistic season, *The Sting*, opened on Monday 14 September and future productions include: *The Magic of the Music Hall Family Weekender*; *Casting The Runes*; and the first-ever Wilton's panto *Dick Whittington*.

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David Suchet, actor and long-term supporter of Wilton's, said: "As both the Campaign Patron and a local resident I cannot tell you how thrilled I am that Wilton's has finally be saved. It is such a

unique cultural and historic landmark for the East End, London and beyond and it gives me such pleasure to think of all of the people that will enjoy and benefit from its performance and heritage programme. Long live this wonderful building!"

Stuart Hopley, Head of HLF London, said: "The stage is set for Wilton's Music Hall to both entertain and enchant in equal measure. This gem of a building - loved by so many Londoners - is now fully restored with a little help from National Lottery players and a lot of hard work by the trust's dedicated team. We're ready to kick up our heels in celebration as the curtains go up again."

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