

BRITISH ROYAL MINT REMEMBERS GABRIELLE RICH

New York, October 2nd, 2003 - The British Royal Mint announced today the production of a commemorative medal in memory of Gabrielle Rich, daughter of esteemed New York songwriter and philanthropist, Denise Rich. The Royal Mint has produced limited editions of 500 gold and 2000 silver medals featuring Gabrielle's portrait on one side and the G&P Foundation for Cancer Research's logo on the other side. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research, which was co-founded in 1997 by Denise Rich and her daughters. The medal will be unveiled on October 27th at the Angel Ball in New York City.

"It means so much to me that the British Royal Mint are producing a medal for Gabrielle, as she spent so many years in England and graduated with Honors from Oxford University. Gabrielle really loved England", said Denise Rich. "It is so amazing to have this beautiful memento of my daughter as well as a great way to raise much needed funds to eradicate cancer in our lifetime."

The honorees at this year's Angel Ball, Clive Davis, Bonnie Fuller, Martin Richards and Sol Kerzner will be presented with a gold "Gabrielle" coin and the star-studded list of performers includes Marc Anthony, Dame Shirley Bassey, Patti La Belle, Heather Headley, Wyclef Jean, Kelly Rowland and Jessica Simpson. Helen Gurley Brown, Gabriel Byrne, Joan Collins, Fran Drescher, Star Jones, Rob Marshall, Donald Trump and Barbara Walters are the confirmed hosts and presenters so far.

Dafydd Jenkins, Retail Sales Director of The British Royal Mint said "Gabrielle's life touched us as the story of a brave and wonderful young woman whose dying wish was to help to find a cure for cancer. We are delighted to be involved with this project and to support the important work being carried out in her memory".

The Royal Mint has a unique history, stretching back over 1100 years - from the workshops in Anglo-Saxon London, to the Tower of London, from a purpose built site at Tower Hill down to the current base near Cardiff. Currently the largest mint in Europe, the Royal Mint is the only producer of legal tender coinage in the UK, employs over 1,000 people and has the capacity to produce over 70,000,000 coins a week.

The G & P Foundation was established in 1996 by songwriter Denise Rich and her son-in-law Philip Aouad, in memory of Denise's daughter Gabrielle Rich Aouad, who died at age 27 from AML Leukemia. The G & P Foundation's primary goal is to save lives by funding basic and clinical medical research in both conventional and integrative disciplines, which focus on prevention, treatments and quality of life issues of leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers.

This year's ANGEL BALL will be produced by The Overland Entertainment Company. For information on how to purchase tickets to THE ANGEL BALL, please contact Inez Weinstein Special Events at (212) 254-6677.



Well-known American song-writer Denise Rich at the Royal Mint today, holding the medal for a cancer charity, featuring the portrait of her daughter Gabrielle, who died aged 27 from leukemia



Denise Rich with Barry Gittins



Press Setter at the Royal Mint

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