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Join the cast of the Wizard of Oz at a special gala performance in support of Comic Relief

Follow the yellow brick road over the rainbow and into The London Palladium for a special Comic Relief gala performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new production, *The Wizard of Oz*. Starring Michael Crawford as The Wizard and Danielle Hope (winner of the BBC's smash hit *Over the Rainbow*) as Dorothy.

This extra special night will be the only performance of the popular stage show to feature the dog 'Dangerous Dave' – BBC's *Over the Rainbow*'s winning Toto!

The curtain is set to rise on this one time only event at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st April and all profits from the sale of this performance will go directly to Comic Relief.

Developed from the ever popular MGM screenplay this production, totally reconceived for the stage, contains all the much-loved songs from the Oscar winning movie score, all the favourite characters and iconic moments, plus a few surprises along the way, including new songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

For ticket information go to www.wizardofozthemusical.com. All profits from the sale of this performance will go directly to Comic Relief, which amounts to at least 29% of the ticket price.

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About Comic Relief

- Comic Relief delivered another spectacular evening of top telly treats on Friday 18th March, as Red Nose Day 2011 entertained the nation while raising an incredible sum of money to help poor and vulnerable people in the UK and Africa. As the evening drew to a close £74,360,207 had been raised which is the highest total reached on the night in Red Nose Day's 23 year history.
- Comic Relief was launched on Christmas Day in 1985, live on BBC One. At that time, a devastating famine was crippling Ethiopia and something had to be done. That something was Comic Relief. The

idea was simple – Comic Relief would make the public laugh while they raised money to help people in desperate need. Before too long, Red Nose Day was created and the first ever event in 1988 raised a staggering £15m. To date, twelve Red Nose Days have raised more than £580m. That money has helped, and is helping, to support people and communities in dire need both in the UK and Africa.

- Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales); SC039730 (Scotland)