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Fiona Kennedy celebrates the Day of the Osprey at The House of Lords

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What a Lady: Fiona Kennedy and Ruairidh McDonald to attend special event at House of Lords

Scottish singer and broadcaster Fiona Kennedy will today celebrate the Day of the Osprey, at the prestigious River Room at The House of Lords.

13-year-old Ruairidh McDonald will perform a new track, *Fly Lady, Fly*, which was inspired by the record-breaking osprey at the Loch of the Lowes, Perthshire.

The prestigious event will see Ruairidh sing in front of a range of invited guests including Lords, MPs, media executives, members of the creative industry and wildlife trusts.

Fiona wrote the song after visiting the record breaking resident breeding osprey at the Loch of the Lowes in Dunkeld, Perthshire and hearing about its incredible journey every year. The osprey, known affectionately by many as 'Lady', is believed at the age of 27, to be the oldest breeding osprey in the UK and every winter makes the 3,000 mile migration to West Africa and back.

A version of *Fly Lady, Fly* was first heard in Fiona's successful stage production of *The Kist* last year and the show is set to go on the road again in 2013.

Fiona said: "I think it's brilliant that this great old bird 'Lady' has defied all the odds and is still going strong. It's an amazing story - she returned at the end of March and found a new toy boy called Laddie and is still producing chicks!

"We want to celebrate this and all ospreys, as well as our great natural landscape which is vital for their wellbeing. It's also important to salute all the volunteers who help to provide the safe habitat for so many birds and animals.

“I was inspired to write the song *Fly Lady, Fly* for Ruairidh after I went to see her for myself at the Loch of the Lowes visitors centre. It fits in beautifully with *The Kist* production which explores the journeys immigrants make, and how our culture is enriched and renewed as we each spread our wings. Ruairidh, has bags of talent, is a tremendous performer and we filmed the video at the top of the Cairngorms in a howling gale, which was splendid. The video was directed by 21-year-old Michael Ferns one of the youngest ever Bafta award winners.”

Ruairidh McDonald, added: “I’m so excited to be celebrating The Day of the Osprey with Fiona and performing *Fly Lady, Fly* at The House of Lords. I love the song and I’ve been to visit Lady and her chick near Dunkeld and I’m hooked on their webcam. These birds are incredible, flying 3000 miles all the way to West Africa Africa and 3000 miles back. It’s brilliant and it’s great to sing a song about this real live bird.”

A donation from the single will be made to the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust’s Rutland Osprey Project from the activities of The Day of the Osprey and the song *Fly Lady, Fly*, which is available to download via iTunes.

Fly Lady, Fly was produced and co-written by Nils Elder.

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