



Success is expected for the 10th anniversary of a city Burns Supper.

Nae Ordinary Burns Supper is organised by entertainer and singer Fiona Kennedy and actor and director John Bett.

Since the annual event began 10 years ago, the duo have managed to raise £200,000 for north-east charities.

Next year's event, which marks the anniversary, will raise money for University of Aberdeen Development Trust, Friends of Roxburghe House, FROM Scotland and VSA.

The supper will involve a combination of the music of Robert Burns with songs penned by Bette Midler. It will feature a line-up of talented singers, musicians, Aberdeen University's Chamber Choir and The Jacobite Band.

Fiona said: "It's been great fun over the years creating a quirky event which draws everyone in through Burns' wonderful songs, music and poetry. We weave it together with well-known and loved contemporary songs, which makes for a fun and poignant evening rounded off with fairly vigorous ceilidh dancing.

"So much of Burns' work is about love and that's as relevant today as it ever was! I think it's wonderful that 'Auld Lang Syne' is still sung all over the world at so many occasions and is regarded as the international song of friendship."

Jennifer Mitchell director of external relations at VSA added: “VSA is absolutely thrilled that, once again, Fiona has chosen us to be one of the charities to benefit from Nae Ordinary Burns Supper. We are proud to say that we have worked with Fiona for over 30 years, and in that time she has helped us to raise thousands of pounds to help change the lives of some of the most vulnerable people across Aberdeen.

“I would urge anyone who hasn’t been to a Nae Ordinary Burns Supper event in the past 10 years to give it a go. It’s like nothing you will have ever experienced – it’s a fun, modern way to celebrate the work of Robert Burns and a very enjoyable way to raise money for some very worthy causes doing great work in the local community.”

Nae Ordinary Burns Supper is to take place at Aberdeen’s Beach Ballroom on January 31.

Tickets cost £95 per person and can be purchased at [www.fiona-kennedy.co.uk/burns](http://www.fiona-kennedy.co.uk/burns)