

Charity to get the cream from Aristocats' Aberdeen gig

Music fans are being invited to get on down to the 'purrfect' evening of entertainment for Archway, a North-east charity supporting people with learning disabilities.

Popular Aberdeen party band, The Aristocats, are putting on a special charity performance at The Forum on Saturday, October 12, from 8pm.

Leading energy company EnQuest is sponsoring the event which has been organised by one of its employees, Grant Robertson, who is the band director and drummer.

The well-known Aberdeen musician wanted the band to play a gig to raise funds for EnQuest's chosen charity, Archway, which works to improve the quality of life of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities throughout Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

The Aristocats are known for their distinctive, up-tempo performances featuring covers of classic tunes from legendary acts such as Stevie Wonder, Michael Buble, The Eagles, Tom Jones and Earth, Wind & Fire.

The other band members are Dan Greavey, Ali Murray, Cath McPherson, Ray Leonard, Colin Black, Kevin Haggart, Gerry Dawson, Alan Haggart, Colin Hunter, Joe Leonard and Bob Barrow.

Grant, who is Operations Interface Manager at EnQuest, said: "We hope to attract a huge crowd because we want to create a real party atmosphere while raising a significant amount of money for a very worthwhile charity.

"I wanted to do something for Archway because my colleagues across EnQuest have put their heart and soul into raising funds through events which have included quiz nights, bake sales, marathons, concerts, a 16-hour 300km cycle challenge, a golf day and a climb of the UK's three highest mountains in less than 24 hours.

"There is a genuine passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the charity and so far, EnQuest has raised a total of more than £110,000 since fundraising began in April 2012, which is a tremendous achievement. It's heart-warming to know that the funds raised for Archway will go a long way to helping people with learning disabilities and their families in the North-east."

EnQuest, which is the largest UK independent oil producer in the UK North Sea, is raising money for Archway's Appeal for Betty's Place, a project to establish a specially adapted holiday cottage and specialist facilities for the children, young people and adults with learning disabilities that the charity supports.