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BANK OF SCOTLAND SHOWS HEART BY DONATING FESTIVAL FIREWORK CONCERT TICKET SALES TO THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Bank of Scotland is donating **600** tickets for the Edinburgh International Festival Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert to the British Heart Foundation (BHF). The proceeds from the sale of these much sought after Ross Theatre tickets will help fund specialist Heart Nurses in communities across the UK.

The Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert, the spectacular finale to the Edinburgh International Festival takes place on Sunday 6 September at 9.00pm in Princes Street Gardens. With a choreographed display including 100,000 fireworks and live music performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Matthew Halls the concert is the biggest annual event of its kind in Europe

With the stunning backdrop of Edinburgh's skyline and historic castle, demand for tickets for the fireworks display and concert is always high. This year is no different and the Ross Theatre is already sold out. Through this donation of 600 tickets, Bank of Scotland is giving more people the opportunity to experience the event from this exclusive vantage point, whilst raising funds to help fight heart disease, the nation's biggest killer.

The Bank of Scotland initiative is part of Lloyd Banking Group's two year relationship with the nation's heart charity which is aiming to raise £2 million by July 2010, helping to fund 15 new BHF Heart Nurses in communities across the UK where they are needed most. BHF Heart Nurses help tens of thousands of people every year. They empower patients, their carers and families to manage their conditions effectively, maximising their heart health and quality of life.

Douglas Rouse, Head of Corporate Partnerships at the BHF said: "We are thrilled to have the support of Bank of Scotland and initiatives like this play an important role in helping to place more BHF Heart Nurses in local

communities. We hope to raise £13,000 by selling the tickets which will be a huge boost to the fundraising total.”

Tickets for the Ross Theatre cost £25 and can be purchased through the BHF website; www.bhf.org.uk/tickets

For more information about the Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert please visit www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert

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For more information on the Edinburgh International Festival please contact press@eif.co.uk or 0131 473 2020.

Notes to Editors

About the British Heart Foundation

The British Heart Foundation is the nation's heart charity, dedicated to saving lives through pioneering research, patient care, campaigning for change and by providing vital information. But we urgently need help. We rely on donations of time and money to continue our life-saving work.

For more information on the BHF, visit bhf.org.uk

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