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# THE RIFLES

## SOUNDING RETREAT

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8 - 9TH JUNE HORSE GUARDS PARADE  
FEATURING THE MASSED BANDS AND BUGLES  
AND THE ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA



# A UNIQUE MILITARY TATTOO

A spectacular evening of military music and pageantry, with the fastest marching bands in the world. Featuring:

*The massed Bands and Bugles of The Rifles*

*The English National Opera*

*The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas*

*Quirinus Band and Bugle Corps from Germany*

*Cadet Bands and Bugles of The Rifles*

*The Bugle Branch The Rifleman's Association*

These sunset parades are performed on Horse Guards in front of the beautiful backdrop of St James's Park, with fireworks on the evenings of the 8th and 9th of June 2022.

Rifle Regiments and Light Companies were first created from the red coated Line Regiments that used the drum to communicate orders over short distances. The concept of the Rifleman, dressed in green uniform, armed with rifles rather than muskets, operating swiftly and boldly across the battlefield on their own initiative, emerged from the forests of North America and Napoleonic Wars in the early 1800s. A drummer was unable to communicate instructions across the wider distances and noise of battle. Instead the bugle, with its clarion call, was selected for use by Riflemen. For that reason The Rifles uniquely Sound Retreat, to its sentries as day moves to dusk, rather than Beat Retreat like the rest of the British Army.

Funds from ticket sales will go to Care 4 Casualties. C4C is an appeal, launched in 2009, aimed to raise additional funds to help those members of The Rifles family who were found to be in need as a result of the Regiment's persistent involvement in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The appeal contributes towards the Regimental benevolence provided to Riflemen (and their families) who either die or are severely wounded on operations.

## TICKETS



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Seated and wheelchair tickets are available from £8 to £25.

*Wheelchair ticket includes a companion on the same ticket.*

