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Mark Wright is running the 2022 TCS London Marathon

## **FAMOUS FACES LINING UP FOR THE** 2022 TCS LONDON MARATHON

Stars from the worlds of film, music, TV and sport are taking on the challenge of running the 2022 TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October.

Among the famous faces is award-winning actor Cynthia Erivo, who is also a renowned singer, songwriter and guest judge on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

Londoner Erivo knows what it takes to complete a marathon, having run the TCS New York City Marathon in 2016 – but this will be the first time she has tackled her home-town marathon.

Erivo won a Tony Award in 2016 for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Celie Harris Johnson in The Color Purple and a Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album the following year. She was also nominated for both Golden Globe and Academy Awards for her portrayal of American abolitionist Harriet Tubman in the film *Harriet*.

Acclaimed film and TV star Stephen Mangan will also be on the Start Line. Mangan – who has most recently appeared in BBC drama The Split and provided the voice of the eponymous character in Postman Pat: The Movie - will be raising money for Marie Curie.

Other celebrities taking part include McFly drummer Harry Judd and radio DJs Chris Stark and Reece Parkinson

In addition, reality TV star Mark Wright will also be hoping to make the Start Line this year after injury prevented him from doing so in 2021.

The full list of famous faces preparing to take part on Sunday 2 October is:

- · Dr Rangan Chatterjee: British physician, author, television presenter and podcaster
- Emon Choudhury: BBC Two's Race Across the World winner 2020
- James Cracknell: double Olympic rowing gold medallist
- Cynthia Erivo: actor and singer
- Chris Evans: radio and television presenter
- Jenni Falconer: radio and TV presenter
- Harry Judd: musician
- Stephen Mangan: actor
  Danny Mills: pundit and former England footballer
- Greg O'Shea: 2019 Love Island winner and Irish Olympian
- Reece Parkinson: radio and TV presenter
- Chris Stark: radio DJ
- Iwan Thomas MBE: TV presenter and former GB Olympic athlete
- Helen Thorn: comedian and podcaster, one half of Scummy
- · Stephen Warnock: former England footballer
- Mark Wright: TV personality



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spring slot in the calendar in 2023, when it will take place on Sunday 23 April.

For more information on this year's event, visit the <u>Media Resources</u> and <u>Press Releases</u> pages of the <u>TCS London Marathon website</u>.

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## About the London Marathon

- The 2022 TCS London Marathon will take place on Sunday 2 October.
- The London Marathon was first held on 29 March 1981 and the millionth finisher in the history of the event crossed the line in 2016.
- Since the first London Marathon in 1981, the event has raised more than £1 billion for charity.
- British Heart Foundation is the Charity of the Year of the 2022 TCS London Marathon
   London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to The London Marathon Charitable Trust.
- Since 1981, <u>The London Marathon Charitable Trust</u> has awarded grants totalling in excess of £97 million to more than 1,500 projects in London and across the UK.
- $\bullet \quad \text{For more information, visit } \underline{\text{tcslondonmarathon.com}}$

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