



## Boxer helps the homeless

ON April 29 2012, former boxing champion Barry McGuigan MBE will be joining singers from top City firms and schools to showcase their talent at Sadler's Wells.

It will be a night of entertainment to raise funds and awareness for Catholic charity Anchor House (<http://anchorhouseuk.org>) and their Home and Hope Appeal.

The Appeal aims to transform Anchor House, an award-winning residential and life skills centre for the homeless, into a 21st century facility and fit-for-purpose complex to enable them to continue to turn around the lives of east London's homeless.

As well as an appearance by the Anchor House residents' choir, the event will feature the National Symphony Orchestra, choirs from Allen & Overy LLP, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, the *Financial Times* and Royal Bank of Canada; as well as pupils from four city schools: Stepney Greencoat Primary School, Sir John Cass Primary School, Christchurch C of E Primary School and Haggerston School. Performances will



Scene from *The Truth About Stanley*, which tells the story of an unlikely friendship

include O Fortuna from *Carmina Burana*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, as well as original pieces written by the Anchor House choir – Forever Yours, One Day, and the Anchor House Anthem.

For tickets, visit [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com) or telephone 0844 412 4300.

Anchor House has also embarked on a joint venture with people from the corporate, charity and film industry world to create a short film called *The Truth About Stanley* which tells the story of an unlikely friend-

ship between an old Congolese man and a young runaway living rough on the streets.

It is a story about friendship, loss, and the way in which we choose to deal with personal trauma.

For Stanley, what he lacks in material possessions, he makes up for with his vivid imagination and an insatiable desire to tell stories.

This unique film, which premiered at the Rich Mix cinema in Shoreditch on April 2nd 2012, stars award-winning Kenyan actor Oliver Litondo and

12-year-old British actor Raif Clarke. It has been described by one critic as the "21st-century *Cathy Come Home*".

We hope that the film will achieve one million views across a number of platforms.

Anchor House director Keith Fennett said: "We need to dispel the stigma surrounding homelessness and this film could very well be a powerful tool.

"People need to realise that despite who we are or where we started out in life, any one of us could be at risk of being homeless."