

## Our Singing Star



Unudelger is a 15 year old boy who lives with his widowed mother and eight siblings in the poor ger district of the capital city of Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. Unudelger joined Christina Noble Children's Foundation's programme in 2007, and in September of that year was one of many children who took part in a special celebratory 10th Anniversary CNCF concert for visitors to the Blue Skies Ger Village. Unudelger is blessed with a beautiful, natural singing voice, like that of his late father who was a professional opera singer. Until now, the lack of resources prevented him from taking lessons to develop that gift. He has sung in many national and international competitions in Mongolia, and it's his dream to follow in his father's footsteps and become a professional singer.

In October 2008 a Charity Concert was held London. Unudelger at the age of

14 travelled to England from Mongolia for this special event. Accompanied by Jonathan Cohen, he sang, La donna e mobile, Santa Lucia and closed with a moving performance of a Mongolian song, My Dear Parents. To quote travel writer Alistair Carr, who was in the audience, it was as though the steppes of Mongolia had arrived in Westminster. There was barely a dry eye in the house as Unudelger received a standing ovation.

Unudelger, along with two other children from the programme performed at a CNCF ball in Hong Kong where again under the watchful eye of his mentor Mr Oyunbat, had the audience mesmerized with his amazing voice. His sponsors Mr & Mrs Dixon were physically moved to know that the money they have sent to him on a monthly basis means that he can pursue his dream.

In photos: Unudelger's visit to the Royal Opera House where he met the principle artistes performing in La Boheme as well as other dignitaries at the concert hall at St.John's, London.



Unudelger with his sponsor Mrs Dixon

