

# JOINING THE STARS AUTUMN PHILLIPS IS A FALL GIRL FOR A SPECIAL CAUSE

**A**utumn Phillips added a touch of regal glamour when she joined an array of showbiz stars for a cause close to her heart last week.

Looking stylish in an elegant belted black one-shoulder gown, the Princess Royal's daughter-in-law enjoyed an evening of song, dance and inspiration at the 2019 Fall Ball fundraiser at London's Café de Paris.

The ball was created by singer and West End star Alexandra Burke and TV presenter Nick Ede to raise awareness about strokes – a health issue that resonates with Autumn as her husband Peter's great-aunt, Princess Margaret, died after a stroke in 2002.

After being at last year's inaugural event, Autumn, 41, was back to raise more funds with famous faces including Denise Van Outen and *The X Factor: Celebrity* judge Nicole Scherzinger.

They were treated to a spectacular performance from Alexandra, who took to the stage to deliver a medley of Whitney Houston hits, while former *Strictly Come Dancing* champion Ore Oduba acted as host.

Money raised from the glittering gala goes to help Nick's Style for Stroke Foundation and Alexandra's the Melissa Bell Foundation – created in honour of her mother, who died in 2017 after a long battle with health issues and suffering two strokes.

Speaking about the ball, which was sponsored by Baylis & Harding, Alexandra said: "We wanted to create a celebration and to get everyone talking about strokes."

"I'm so happy that the evening raises funds and awareness for these great causes in the memory of both of our mothers." **H**

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Autumn joins the Fall Ball's co-creator Alexandra Burke and TV star Denise Van Outen to help raise funds and awareness of strokes at London's Café de Paris



Nicole Scherzinger shimmers in Alex Perry (left) to party alongside designer Melissa Odabash and actress Laura Pradelska (below)

