



It's amazing to think our Ringo turned 80 on July 7.

He would normally celebrate with a gathering with fans with a 'Peace and Love' message at noon wherever he is. Unfortunately this year due to Coronavirus that couldn't happen.

However that did not deter Ringo from celebrating and his You Tube Channel aired his special birthday show to celebrate.

The show was to help the charities WaterAid, Black Lives Matter, The David Lynch Foundation and MusiCares and was introduced by Ringo. The show featured a collection of birthday messages, video archives and performances from friends filmed independently.

The show commenced with Ringo introducing 'It Don't Come Easy' followed by archive footage of the song featuring the All Starr's. Virtual performances included Sheila E singing 'Come Together', brother in law Joe Walsh singing 'Boys'- and 'Come Together' by Gary Clark Jr. The best of these performances for me was a rendition of 'All You Need is Love' by Sheryl Crow. Sheryl played a collection of instruments to put the video together including ukulele, squeezebox and guitar. It shows what a talented musician she is. Dave Grohl and Ben Harper recorded a version of 'Down and Out' The virtual videos were intertwined with special birthday messages. Ringo's wife, Barbara, sang 'Happy Birthday', while we saw greetings from Ringo's grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as a lovely message from daughter Lee.

Messages from friends included specially recorded messages from Bob Geldof, Joe Walsh, Roy Orbison Jr., Willie Nelson, Elvis Costello, All Starr band members Colin Hay and Edgar Winter, Peter Frampton and Ron Howard. Olivia Harrison, George's widow, and Mick Fleetwood sent a special message from Hawaii. There were videos of 'Give More Love', a photo montage from Ringo's life was shown to the song 'Photograph' and as the show came to an end we were brought up to date with a video of the All Starr's playing 'With a Little Help From Our Friends' and 'Give Peace a Chance'.

Closing the show was a video of Paul McCartney and Ringo performing 'Helter Skelter' at Dodger Stadium in 2019. To finish we see Joe Walsh presenting Ringo with a birthday cake.

The show brought a feeling a peace, love and friendship. The one thing missing was a personal message from Paul. A very fitting tribute for Ringo's special day.

To donate to any of the charities the show is supporting just go to www.ringostarr.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RINGO!