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RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

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Lizzo, Billie Eilish and Sir Elton John will perform at a TV concert curated by Lady Gaga, which will celebrate health workers **amid** the coronavirus crisis.

Gaga, along with the group Global Citizen, has already raised \$35m (£28m) for the World Health Organisation. The funds will buy protective equipment for health workers and support efforts to develop drugs and vaccines. Gaga also announced she had co-curated a concert to recognise health workers' efforts in fighting Covid-19. One World: Together at Home, which will also feature Sir Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder, will be live-streamed in the US and screened on BBC One in the UK.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Gaga said she wanted **to stress** the "deep gratitude" she and many others felt towards the medical community for their work in fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

"My heart is very achy and warm for those who are ER doctors as well as nurses who are sleeping in cars to make sure they don't infect their families or their patients," said the singer.

In the UK, BBC One will show highlights from the concert the following day, which will include exclusive performances from UK artists and interviews with frontline health workers. Lorna Clarke, Controller of BBC Pop, said: "I'm thrilled that BBC One **is to** broadcast coverage of this very special event, featuring some of the world's most loved musicians, to show support to care workers all over the world at this challenging time. "Lady GaGa has made clear that One World was not a fundraising telethon and would focus on entertainment and messages of solidarity.

Liam Gallagher **has** even **floated** the idea of a one-off Oasis reunion **in aid of** frontline workers.

The live show on 23 April will feature celebrities including Peter Kay, Catherine Tate and Gary Barlow and will include "big surprises, **money-can't buy prizes** and live music performances (from the artists' homes)".

The show is being put on in partnership with the BBC's charitable partners Children in Need and Comic Relief but the names of those taking part are yet to be revealed.

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Lady Gaga says: "What's very important is three things happening for all of us.

That we celebrate and we highlight the singular kind global community that is arising right now."

Two, we want to highlight the gravity of this historical, unprecedented cultural movement.

And three, we want to celebrate and encourage the power of the human spirit."