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Singer comes to Birmingham for special performance at top restaurant

She is more used to performing at music festivals and in concert halls, but next week pop star **Sophie Ellis-Bextor** will be making an exclusive live appearance at a Birmingham restaurant.

The singer, best known for her hit song *Murder on the Dance Floor*, will take to the restaurant floor at Filini at the Radisson SAS Hotel in Holloway Circus on Wednesday, July 25 thanks to local radio station Heart fm.

Sophie, daughter of ex-Blue Peter presenter Janet Ellis, was catapulted into the limelight in 2000 when she co-wrote and sang the catchy vocal for Spiller's *Groovejet*, famously beating Victoria Beckham to number one. She has since established herself as a solo artist and notched up six top 10 hits.

Her one-off appearance in Birmingham will be the highlight of a lavish black tie party being thrown by the hotel to mark the end of a promotional campaign on Heart fm called *The Italian Job*. Sixty prize winners will join 140 other guests at the event, which will include cocktails and fabulous food in the contemporary Italian restaurant.

Four Minis – cars that became something of an icon due to their starring role in the original movie *The Italian Job* – will be parked outside the hotel during the party.

Sophie – who has revealed to Heart she is fluent in Italian – and her three-piece band will perform several songs, including her new single, *Today the Sun's on Us*, which is released next month. In another Italian connection, the video to the new single was shot in Venice.

Kathrine Ohm Thomas, General Manager of the Radisson SAS Hotel, said: "We are delighted Sophie will be performing in our Filini restaurant during what promises to be a great night. Sophie is one of the coolest pop stars around, so it is fitting that she should be singing in one of the coolest restaurants in town."

Ed James, Breakfast Presenter for 100.7 Heart fm, added: "Bringing Sophie to Birmingham for such an intimate gig is going to be a real treat. She's extremely talented and we look forward to seeing her do what she does best."

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