

# Tickets on Sale September 9 for Mylan WTT Smash Hits at Disney

## **Andy Roddick, Venus Williams headline charity night of tennis co-hosted by Billie Jean King and Sir Elton John**

New York, N.Y. (September 5, 2013) — Tickets for Mylan WTT Smash Hits presented by GEICO, one of tennis' biggest charity events, go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. ET on Monday, September 9. Former world No. 1s Venus Williams and Andy Roddick will headline the charity night of tennis co-hosted by longtime friends Sir Elton John and Billie Jean King on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the HP Field House at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla. The event is hosted locally by Robert and Tricia Earl.

All seats are reserved and range from \$50-\$125. Order tickets through [www.WTTSmashHits.com](http://www.WTTSmashHits.com) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). For group sales of 10 or more tickets, call (407) 574-2599.

Special VIP ticket packages, including VIP courtside seating and admission to the VIP Reception and Auction, will also be available for \$500 and will directly benefit the Hope and Help Center. John, King and all players will participate in the pre-match live auction, which will include an Elton John signed piano bench and King's Wimbledon tickets among other items. To buy VIP ticket packages or for more information, call (407) 574-2599.

Over the past two decades, Mylan WTT Smash Hits has raised more than \$11.5 million for the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) and various local AIDS charities since 1993. This year's 21st annual event will benefit EJAF and the Hope and Help Center of Central Florida. A portion of the funds raised at the pre-match VIP Reception and Auction will be specifically targeted for local programs.

The event will feature a Mylan WTT match with two teams captained by King and John. Tennis action is set for 6 p.m. ET with the pre-match VIP Reception and Auction kicking off at 4:30 p.m. King and John have split the two-decade series with 10 wins each. King's squad bested Team Elton last year 19-17 in Overtime.

Roddick, who is playing in his 9th Smash Hits event, is a former world No. 1. Roddick won 30 singles titles on the ATP World Tour, including the 2003 US Open and was ranked in the top 10 for nine consecutive years.

Williams participated in her first Smash Hits in 1997, the only other time the event was held at Disney. The 4-time Olympic gold medalist has also won 44 career singles titles on the WTA Tour, including five Wimbledon singles championships.

Additional players will be announced in the coming weeks. Over the past two decades, many of tennis' biggest stars have participated in Mylan WTT Smash Hits including Roddick, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, Andre Agassi, Stefanie Graf, Pete Sampras, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert, John McEnroe, Bob and Mike Bryan, Jimmy Connors, Anna Kournikova and Lindsay Davenport.

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