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Billy Bragg at International Brigade memorial ceremony

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Billy Bragg was in Jubilee Gardens on Saturday to lead the singing at the annual wreath-laying at the Spanish Civil War International Brigade Memorial.

Billy Bragg performing at the annual commemoration at the International Brigade Memorial

Jack Jones, president of the

International Brigade Memorial Trust

Actress Marlene Sidaway, secretary of the trust, is appearing in The Enchantment which opens at the National Theatre this week.

The singer, whose father-in-law was a Spanish Civil War refugee, sang *Jarama Valley* and his own ve of the *Internationale*.

The large crowd was welcomed by Jack Jones, former TGWU union leader and president of the International Brigade Memorial Trust.

Among those laying a wreath was Bernardo Fernandez, counseller at the Spanish Embassy.

Geoff Cowling, former British Consul-General in Barcelona, expressed hope that next year British politicians would be present.

After the names of volunteers who had recently died had been read out it was recalled that Ian Walt sculptor of the monument (responsible for the nearby sculpture of Nelson Mandela), had also died in last year.

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