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## **Disabled youth meet Lionel Ritchie**

### **A dream came true for two young people from Charly and Millery: meeting the artist after his performance on Monday night at Halle Tony-Garnier**

Those who purchased a ticket for Lionel Ritchie's concert on Monday night at Hall Tony-Garnier had to be patient: scheduled to sing for one hour starting at 8:00 pm, the singer only arrived at 9:30 pm! But in the midst of the audience, three spectators were undoubtedly the most impatient: Pierre Courbon (12), Alexis Cavaglia (15) and Sébastien Solari (34). These three young disabled people from Millery and Charly had waited to meet the star in the flesh at the beginning of the performance, but they had to wait until the end. Pierre, too tired, unfortunately had to leave beforehand.

A meeting organized by the Deputy for the 11th riding, Georges Fenech, with the "Rêves" association for Isère led by Annick Gambin and his friends from the show biz world. "I had the opportunity to meet Lionel Ritchie thanks to his agent, Pascal Renouard de Vallière. I said okay, as long as I can let some of our young disabled youth enjoy it," he explains. Annick Gambin selected Alexis, Pierre and Sébastien, all three very committed to the Millery Telethon, which she also manages.

Photo: Lionel Ritchie with (from left to right): Annick Gambin, Sébastien Solari, Alexis Cavaglia, Georges Fenech and Nathalie Cavaglia/Photo DR.