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# COUNTRY STAR IN LATE LATE COLLAPSE



**LEGEND** Charlie Landsborough on The Late Late Country Special

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY JOHN PATRICK KIERANS

**SINGER** Charlie Landsborough needed hospital treatment after he collapsed backstage on The Late Late Show, the Irish Mirror can reveal.

The 75-year-old legend fell ill in the green room after appearing on RTE's hugely popular Country Special last Friday.

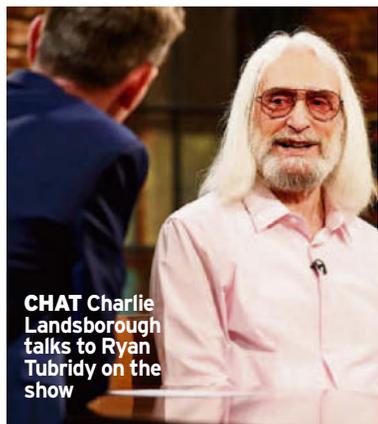
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Charlie, who was given the all-clear, added: "I want to thank the people of RTE. The staff were amazing."

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Host Tubridy rushes to singer's aid after RTE special

# LANDSBOROUGH LATE LATE SCARE



**CHAT** Charlie Landsborough talks to Ryan Tubridy on the show

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## Country star recovers after collapse

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**COUNTRY music legend Charlie Landsborough collapsed backstage on The Late Late Show's Country Music Special.**

The British singer and songwriter fell ill in the green room after appearing on the couch alongside Nathan Carter.

The 75-year-old was taken to hospital for medical attention, where he was eventually given the all-clear.

A source told the Irish Mirror: "Charlie just suddenly fell like a pole to the ground."

"There was a bit of panic in the room. Ryan Tubridy ran straight to his aid while other staff members got him water."

"It was very warm in the studio that night so that could have factored into him collapsing."

Landsborough, who has a huge Irish fan base and rose to fame in 1994 with his hit *What Colour Is The Wind*, has now recovered.

**BUSY**

Speaking to the Irish Mirror for the first time since the incident, he said: "I had a very busy day between rehearsals, appearing on the show and meeting loads of people I knew. The show was great but I was just so busy all day that I forgot to eat."

"I really want to thank the people of RTE. The staff were amazing. They couldn't have been kinder to me. The hospital staff were great too. The doctor gave me the all clear."

An RTE spokesman added: "One of the guests on *The Late Late Country Special* became ill following the show."

Charlie had earlier appeared on the couch on the hit show kitted out in salmon shirt and black trousers.

He was in good spirits as he chatted with Ryan and Carter.

Charlie spoke about his love for Ireland on the show and thanked people here for helping to "transform his life."

In an emotional interview, he said: "I'll never forget what this place did for me, and what Ireland did for me and what this channel did for me. It's unbelievable, it transformed my life."

"I used to never think I'd achieve anything. My young lad used to say to me, 'Do you think you'll make it dad?'



**CONCERN** Charlie has a huge Irish following

**"The show was great but I was so busy all day that I forgot to eat"**

**CHARLIE LANDBOROUGH** YESTERDAY

and I'd say, 'I don't think so son'. But thankfully through the Irish people and this particular theatre, it transformed my life completely.

"I'd been coming here to Ireland for a long, long time before that and I fell

in love with the place. There's a great kindness in the Irish people.

"I was always treated incredibly well, even before I was famous. I used to say if I ever got success I'd want it to be here." Wagon Wheel singer

Carter spoke of the influence Charlie had on his career.

He said: "I first when to see him at the Philharmonic, which is a big theatre in Liverpool, when I was about seven. I played in the Birken-

head a few times, the pub where Charlie used to play and he came in to watch me when I was about 16.

"He's one of the best songwriters you'll ever come across."

"I Will Love You All My Life, My Forever Friend and *What Colour Is The Wind*, are some of the best songs of the past 50 years."

"People can really relate to the lyrics."

"He's an amazing singer and just a lovely human being. An all round very nice person."

An RTE spokesman confirmed the *Country Music Special*, which featured some of the biggest names in the scene, will return next year.

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## RTE scores year's biggest show

THE *Late Late Show Country Special* proved to be a massive hit with 677,400 people tuning into the show.

The programme had a 52% share making it the highest rating show of 2017, and the most popular since last December's *Toy Show*. Friday's special

country music superstar Charley Pride backed up by a host of talent including Daniel O'Donnell, Nathan Carter, Brendan Shine, Philomena Begley and Susan McCann.

Host Ryan Tubridy said: "It's great the folks at home enjoyed it so much."



**ALL-STAR** Line up at special

**BE MY GUESTS**

Charlie and Nathan Carter on *Late Late*

