

Spencer Davis Group

With an outstanding line-up and a splendid mix of new originals, old hits and classic songs the legendary pop group and forerunner of British Invasion are back on tour.



Line-up

Spencer Davis - guitar, vocals
Miller Anderson - guitar, vocals
Eddie Hardin - organ, vocals
Colin Hodgkinson - bass, vocals
Steff Porcel - drums

On Stage: 5
Travel Party: 6

Website

www.spencer-davis-group.com

Biography

Wales-born guitarist, harmonica player and vocalist Spencer Davis became one of the elder statesmen of mid-1960s British rock. Together with his group, the Spencer Davis Band, which he formed in Birmingham in 1963, he scored with chart-topping hits, "Keep On Running" and "Somebody Help Me", in the UK and top ten hits, "Gimme Good Lovin'" and "I'm A Man", in the United States. The band, which featured teenaged Stevie Winwood on vocals, guitar and organ, his brother, Muff Winwood on bass and Peter York on drums, continued to mix commercial pop tunes and blues-inspired R&B until the Winwoods departed in 1967. After briefly sharing a duo with guitarist Alun Davies, he moved to California in 1970. Remaining active as a musician, he recorded a solo album that quickly went out of print, formed a new blues-pop band, Davis, York, Hardin and Fenwick in 1973 and an acoustic blues band with Richard Landis and Peter Jameson. For much of the remainder of the 1970s and early-80s, Davis worked behind the scenes. After working as a consultant for a California video company, he worked as an independent producer and publicist for Island Records, where he helped to guide the early careers of Robert Palmer and Bob Marley, and served as head of A & R for a small Hollywood-based independent label. In addition to recording an impressive solo album, *Crossfire*, featuring guest appearances by Dusty Springfield, Flo and Eddie and Booker T. Jones, he produced Spokane, Washington-based group, USK and Canada's Downchild Blues Band. Forming a new version of the Spencer Davis Group, in 1984, Davis toured throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East. In 1993, Spencer united with three other famed musicians to form one super group, The Classic Rock All-Stars. In the late 90s, he successfully reformed the Spencer Davis group. The line-up included Pete York (the original drummer of the very first Spencer Davis Group), Miller Anderson (Keef Hartley, Savoy Brown, Mountain), Colin Hodgkinson (Alexis Korner, Back Door, Whitesnake, Mick Jagger) and Zoot Money (Big Roll Band, Animals, Alan Price). The Spencer Davis Group's popularity in Europe put Spencer on a World Tour with Pete York, Anderson and

Hodgkinson, hitting Japan, the Far East, Middle East and Scandinavia. In 2002 Pete York left the band for some solo projects including a cooperation with the German comedian Helge Schneider. He was replaced by Steff Porcel. In addition rock-legend Eddie Hardin (Hardin & York) joined the group.

Discography

1965 You Put the Hurt on Me - Fontana
1965 Every Little Bit Hurts - Wing
1965 Their First LP - Fontana
1966 Sittin' & Thinkin' - Fontana
1966 Second Album - Fontana
1966 Autumn 66 - Fontana
1967 I'm a Man - United Artists
1967 With Their New Face On - Repertoire
1968 Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush - United Artists
1968 Funky - One Way
1969 Heavies - United Artists
1970 It's Been So Long - United Artists
1972 Mousetrap - United Artists
1973 Somebody Help Me - Island
1973 Gluggo - Repertoire
1974 Living in a Back Street - Repertoire
1978 Keep on Running - Island
1988 Live Together - Inakustik
1988 24 Hours, Live in Germany - Inakustik
1997 Keep on Running [Germany] - Ariola Express
1997 Keep on Running [US] - Rivie're Int'l
2000 Mulberry Bush - RPM
2000 Catch You on the Rebob: Live 1973 - RPM

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