



Welcome

Hi, and welcome to our first Apollomemories newsletter. The newsletter is only available to those who have registered with us.

The newsletter aims to give you information not yet available on our website. We intend to publish a newsletter as and when we have enough information for you.

Apollomemories Merchandise

We have had a couple of T-shirts designed for fans of the Apollo.



Please support our efforts and visit the shop on the website. Only £11 plus p&p.

Tom Robinson's Apollomemories

One of the UK's top singer songwriters has been in touch with his recollections of a couple of shows at the Apollo.

"In 1975 played there supporting Barclay James Harvest with acoustic (Ray Davies - produced) trio Cafe Society.

I was supporting guitarist and backing singer in that group. Advancing age and many misspent years in rock bands have robbed me of most of my brain and memory cells but, to the best of my recollection, Glasgow was a very different city in those days for a bunch of young nervous and inexperienced Englishmen making their first trip north of the border. When we stopped our transit van somewhere in the Gorbals to ask for directions, every building we came to appeared to be a shuttered, wire-meshed pub, and we couldn't understand a word anyone said.

At the venue we went out onto the lip of that terrifyingly high stage with our little acoustic guitars above what appeared to be a bearpit and the audience subsided a little, weighing us up. Since they'd paid to see BJH not 'some soft sassenach folk group' it honestly felt like they were deciding whether to boo or bottle us off.

An early dodgy moment came when one of our singers, Hereward Kaye, tried to find some common ground with the "lads" in the audience by referring to The Football - in his nervousness forgetting he was no longer in England. That didn't go down too well. He swung things back our way almost immediately when a roadie crawled out in front of him on the stage to fiddle around fixing a broken cable at the foot of his mike stand - instantly quipping in a Frank Spencer voice "Someone's done a whoopsie on the floo-wah" and the audience roared with laughter.

From then on, the crowd suddenly - almost as one person - seemed to go "nah, they're alright" and warmed to us. It ended up being one of the best nights of the tour.

Three years later I was back with TRB headlining in our own right and it was THE best night of the tour - just the wildest, warmest audience a band could ever want. Hell, we even got laid afterwards."

Fans with the Stars

Apollomemories contributor Jim Grennan sent us this image of him with Alan Lancaster of Status Quo. The picture was taken at the back door down the wee lane.





Missing Stubs

We still do not have a copy of the golden ticket issues at the 1978 gig by Scottish performer Christian. Do you have it? Do you know someone who has? Are you Christian?

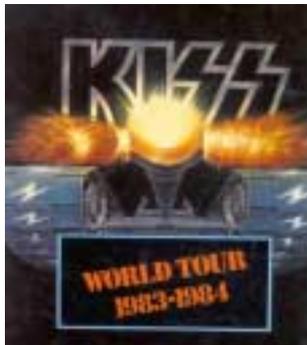
What Ever Happened to the Site?

We've been asked by several people mostly living in the States and Brazil about what replaced the Apollo. Here is a picture of the site these days which is dominated by a new cinema complex and an Australian theme bar.



Gigs to Remember

We have received a number of emails about the Kiss show at the Apollo in 1983-84. It seems that many fans and the Tom Russell Rock Show thought it was the gig of the year. Others were not so impressed and claim that Kiss relied more on the hype than the quality of their live performance.



Were you at the show? Was it a success or just a load of old hype? Why not email Apollomemories and let us know.

Letters

We would welcome feedback on our Newsletter and Website as well as any suggestions.

Fan of the Month

In this section we'd like to feature a fan of the Apollo with a story to tell. Would you like to be the first fan that we feature? Please email Apollomemories with a short bio and we'll be in touch.

Contact Information

Suggestions and contributions should be emailed to apollomemories@yahoo.com

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We would like to thank you for all your support so far – it has been amazing.