

Genesis 50th Anniversary; The Musical Box Comes to Edinburgh in October to Perform The Black Show



1967 is a year synonymous with flower power, love, freedom and several other things which weren't strictly legal but reflected the time of liberation and permissive society as Britain recovered from the austerity of the post-war years.

It was also the year that one of the most successful rock bands of the UK were formed. It's hard to believe fifty years have passed since Genesis were formed at Charterhouse School in Surrey.

Bassist/guitarist Mike Rutherford, keyboard king Tony Banks and lead singer Peter Gabriel were there at the beginning although the band have undergone many changes in the last half century. Drummer/vocalist Phil Collins joined in 1970 and guitarist Steve Hackett a year later.

The boys originally began as a folk group but joined the ranks of the progressive rock groups in the 1970s. Classic numbers such as Follow You Follow Me, Duke and Invisible Touch would define their group's success.

Now a progressive rock tour performed by The Musical Box is about to tour the UK performing The Black Show, a re-imagining of their critically acclaimed Selling England by the Pound tour. To celebrate Genesis's fifty years, the show will include classic songs from Genesis early years.

The Musical Box is a five-man Montreal based quintet formed

over 23 years ago with the mission of bringing that classic era Genesis back to present day audiences.

It's line-up is Francois Gagon – acoustic and electric guitars, Sebastien Lamothe – bass, bass pedals, acoustic and electric guitars and vocals / Denis Gagne – lead vocal, flute, oboe, and percussion / Marc Laflamme – drums, percussion and vocals / Guillaume Rivard – keyboards, 12 string guitar and vocals.

The Musical Box is the closest fans of Genesis can get today of the full band's early touring experience.

Exclusively licensed by Peter Gabriel and Genesis, The Musical Box has performed in front of more than a million people all over the world including London's Royal Albert Hall and Olympia Paris where the show went down a storm.

The theatrical show features a surreal journey captures Gabriel's persona of the 1970s. Gabriel and Genesis have also provided The Musical Box with original clothes, stage props and instruments from their legendary tours.

The Musical Box performance the mythic 23 minute long "Supper's Ready" considered to be one of the most intense live music experience ever created.

Original Genesis band member Peter Gabriel watched the show in Bristol with his family, and said *"The Musical Box recreated, very accurately I must say, what Genesis was doing. saw them with my children so they could see what their father did back then!"*

Other band members, Steve Hackett and Phil Collins have both performed with The Musical Box.

Phil Collins said of the production *"They are not a tribute band, they have taken a period and are faithfully reproducing it, in the same way that someone would do a theatrical*

production' while Mike Rutherford said "It was better than the real thing actually. It was great, that was fantastic'

The good news is The Musical Box is coming to Edinburgh on 21st October at The Usher Hall. The show is bound to be a sell-out so make sure you get your tickets now at:

<http://www.seetickets.com/event/the-musical-box-the-black-show/usher-hall/1059536>