

# The Skids 40th Anniversary tour coming to the Liquid Rooms



The Skids 40th Anniversary tour featuring Richard Jobson, Bill Simpson, Mike Baillie, Bruce Watson & Jamie Watson will include a gig at the Liquid Rooms on Friday 5th May (Doors open 7pm) Tickets £27.50

The Skids formed in 1977 in their home town of Dunfermline, Scotland by Richard Jobson, Stuart Adamson, Bill Simpson & Tom Kellichan. After releasing an independent single the band were played by John Peel, supported The Clash in concert and then were signed to Virgin Records in 1978. Their first singles were 'Sweet Suburbia', 'The Saints are Coming' and 'Into the Valley' – the latter reaching the UK Top Ten in early 1979.

Their seminal debut album 'Scared to Dance'; came out in 1979 and was quickly followed by two chart singles – 'Masquerade' and 'Working for the Yankee Dollar'. Both singles were taken from the Bill Nelson (Be Bop Deluxe) produced second album 'Days in Europa'. The album also featured new member Rusty Egan of Rich Kids & Visage fame after the departure of Tom Kellichan. The band released two more albums 'The Absolute Game' (1980) and 'Joy' (1981) before splitting. Stuart Adamson went on to have worldwide success with his new band *Big Country*.

Skids briefly reformed in 2007 to celebrate the band's 30th Anniversary with concerts in their native Scotland at T in the Park and in their hometown of Dunfermline.

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