



BANDLEADER MIKE GARSON REVEALS
EUROPEAN "A BOWIE CELEBRATION"
DATES FOR JANUARY 2019

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"Jaw dropping" NME.com
"Thunderously uplifting" The Telegraph
"Three thrilling hours of classic songs" The Guardian

World renowned Bowie keyboardist **Mike Garson** is excited to announce that there will be more tour dates with fellow key alumni musicians of David Bowie's bands from across the decades for a show called 'A BOWIE CELEBRATION' with Bowie band alumni including **Earl Slick**, **Gerry Leonard** and **Carmine Rojas** in addition to **Garson**.

European shows across Ireland, UK, France, Austria, Germany, Holland, Belgium & Switzerland for this unforgettable and critically acclaimed evening of Bowie's songs are scheduled for early 2019 and will feature world class vocalists including Rolling Stones singer **Bernard Fowler**, Living Colour's **Corey Glover** and **Joe Sumner** plus an ever-rotating mix of Bowie hits and deep cut fan favourites.

Keyboardist and band leader **Mike Garson**, the longest-standing member of any of Bowie's bands, who performed with David at over 1,000 concerts around the globe says: *"This is a dream band with each member at the top of their game. Add to that the world's best fans singing and dancing along with us and the power of David's music stays alive with the same intent as when we played with him."*

The band also features legendary guitarist **Earl Slick**, who worked on landmark Bowie albums such as Diamond Dogs, David Live, Station To Station, Young Americans, Reality and Bowie's penultimate album The Next Day along with Bowie band leader **Gerry Leonard** (A Reality Tour) and the Let's Dance/Serious Moonlight Tour bassist **Carmine Rojas**. Between them, they have over 40 years experience of recording, writing and playing live with Bowie.

Earl Slick *"I'm having a blast with these shows. It's so great to play with this amazing band of alumni who were there with David going all the way back. When I see the looks on the faces of the audience at our shows I see the value in what we're doing. Mission accomplished!"*

Gerry Leonard: *"I am super excited to be continuing to bring David's music to his loyal fans with A Bowie Celebration. The combination of having his real band playing his music for his dedicated fans makes for a truly special night every time. It's such a wonderful way to keep David's memory and musical legacy alive."*

Carmine Rojas: *"It is really inspirational to witness how excited the audience gets with each song we play. It's like people are reminded how prolific David's music was and they can't stop singing and dancing. Fans can't believe they are actually hearing the music as it was originally recorded by original musicians of David's bands. That's what sets this apart from anything else. It's truly a spiritual event. I can't wait to continue the Celebration!"*

A BOWIE CELEBRATION EUROPEAN TOUR 2019

- 9-Jan Ireland Dublin, Olympia
- 10-Jan Glasgow, Royal Concert Hall
- 11-Jan Manchester, Ritz
- 12-Jan London, Shepherds Bush Empire
- 15-Jan France Lyon, Le Transbordeur
- 16-Jan France Paris, L'Olympia
- 17-Jan France Lille, Theatre Sebastopol
- 18-Jan France Strasbourg, Salle Erasme
- 22-Jan Austria Vienna, Arena Vienna
- 23-Jan Germany Berlin, Huxley's Neue Welt
- 24-Jan Germany Cologne, Alte Kantine
- 26-Jan Holland Groningen, Oosterporrt
- 27-Jan Holland Nijmegen, Doornroosje
- 28-Jan Holland Amsterdam, Paradiso
- 30-Jan Belgium Brussels, AB
- 1-Feb Switzerland Zurich, Volkshaus

VIP ticket packages will go on sale on Tuesday 10am 15 May

General on sale tickets available Friday 10am 18 May

Ticketing links at <http://www.ABowieCelebration.com/>

For more information on **A BOWIE CELEBRATION**, visit:

Website: <http://ABowieCelebration.com>

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ABOUT THE 'A BOWIE CELEBRATION' BAND

Mike Garson

Mike Garson on numerous Bowie albums, including his much talked about masterly solo on the Aladdin Sane track. Garson was Bowie's longest and most frequent band member. They performed together for both David's first and last concerts in the United States as well as 1,000 concerts around the globe in between.

On Garson, Bowie said "It is pointless to talk about his ability as a pianist. He is exceptional. However, there are very, very few musicians, let alone pianists, who naturally understand the movement and free thinking necessary to hurl themselves into experimental or traditional areas of music, sometimes, ironically, at the same time. Mike does this with such enthusiasm that it makes my heart glad just to be in the same room with him."

Earl Slick

Earl Slick began his collaboration with David Bowie in 1974 on the Diamond Dogs tour and continued with Bowie through his David Live, Young Americans and Station to Station albums featuring the smash hit singles "Fame" and "Golden Years." Slick rejoined David's band in 2000 for the Reality album and tour as well as his The Next Day album. In addition to Slick's long career with Bowie, he's also collaborated with the likes of John Lennon and a host of other fellow rock luminaries. Bowie called Slick "a legendary guitar star and a musician of great feeling. His playing is earthy, timeless and never less than stellar."

Gerry Leonard

Gerry Leonard was music director and guitar player for David Bowie on his "Reality" world tour and DVD along with Bowie's previous two records, "Heathen" and "Reality" and their subsequent tours along with his "The Next Day" album. Further credits include recording and touring as guitar player and music director for artists such as Suzanne Vega, Rufus Wainwright, Laurie Anderson, Duncan Sheik and Roger Waters.

Carmine Rojas

Carmine Rojas toured the world with David Bowie, playing bass on several multi-platinum hits such as "Let's Dance", "China Girl", "Modern Love" and "Blue Jean" on the Serious Moonlight and Glass Spider tours. He's also recorded and toured with Julian Lennon and Rod Stewart as musical director and bassist. In addition, Carmine has recorded and toured with the likes of Tina Turner, Keith Richards, Stevie Wonder,, BB King, Mick Jagger, Eric Clapton and many more.

Bernard Fowler

Bernard Fowler's talents as a singer, songwriter, producer and instrumentalist have resonated throughout the span of his extraordinary career in the music industry. His dynamic vocals have appeared on hundreds of albums for bands as diverse as The Rolling Stones, Herbie

Hancock, Ryuichi Sakamoto, John Mayer, Rod Stewart, Robert Plant, Duran Duran, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Michael Hutchence, Michael Buble, Philip Glass, Yoko Ono, Alice Cooper and Bootsy Collins, and many more.

Bernard is most widely known by millions of people around the world as the background singer and percussionist for The Rolling Stones, a position he has held for 30 years and counting. He has recorded and toured with “the world’s greatest rock n’ roll band” to nearly every continent, appearing on 14 Rolling Stones albums.

Corey Glover

Even before forming the pioneering, Grammy winning, platinum selling rock band Living Colour, Corey's incredible talent as a personality and as an artist was brought to the attention of director Oliver Stone. The famed movie maker decided to cast Corey in his Vietnam epic, Platoon. Corey has also appeared in the films The Keeper, Reunion 81, and Loose Women.

As a founding member of Living Colour, Corey helped prove that not only could black guys kick out the jams, but that they could be embraced by a vast expanse of fans. Living Colour earned numerous industry awards including back-to-back Grammys for Best Hard Rock Performance of 1989 ('Cult of Personality') and 1990 (Time's Up) and emerged as one of the most influential rock acts of all time: regularly selling out arenas and selling millions of albums.

Then, with the revival of Living Colour once again, Corey found himself once again singing to sold-out audiences around the world mesmerizing them with his captivating vocal performances.

On joining A BOWIE CELEBRATION, Glover says “I am so looking forward to returning to the Bowie alum, jamming and sharing the music of Bowie with the world - the most brilliant thought provoking music ever conceived!”

Joe Sumner

Joe Sumner is a singer-songwriter and bassist for the rock band Fiction Plane. Sumner, a native of England, learned to play guitar and drums when he was a teenager, and was inspired to write songs when he heard Nirvana's album Nevermind. An accomplished musician and singer, in 2017, Number toured with Sting on the massively successful 57th and 9th world tour.

On A BOWIE CELEBRATION, Sumner says “This band of Bowie alumni is full of people that David himself trusted to bring his visions to life. Now they’re the perfect stewards to keep his spirit alive and it’s such an honor to be part of it.”

Lee John

Lee John is a multi-instrumentalist songwriter and producer based out of Los Angeles. In addition to writing and recording his own music, Lee is a member of the band SayReal and

just so happens to be the son of Bowie alum Earl Slick.

On A BOWIE CELEBRATION, Lee John says “Having grown up watching Slick (aka Dad), Gerry, Mike and the whole Reality Tour band play with David, I never imagined I’d be on stage performing with them - and what honor it is! I’ve been deeply humbled by these shows, the intense love for Bowie we feel at them, and the opportunity we have for connection with the fans at each show we do in celebration.”