



UB40 ANNOUNCE UK TOUR DATES FOR 2015 DUE TO DEMAND

Following their sold-out UK tour of 2014, reggae stars UB40 have announced nineteen-date UK tour for May and June 2015 due to demand.

The Brummie legends are currently in the middle of the second leg of their 'Getting Over The Storm UK Tour', which has seen UK's most successful reggae band play over forty UK shows to over 100,000 fans.

UB40's 2015 tour dates, which start at Motherwell Concert Hall on Monday 4th and ends at Doncaster Racecourse on Saturday, 6th June, continues the band's preference to avoid arena venues in the UK, as founding member and principal songwriter Brian Travers explains, "The success of this year's tour has confirmed what we already knew, that it's better to play to 100,000 people across forty intimate venues across the whole of the country than playing to the same number of people at six enormous domes in the same cities. It's a much better experience for both the band and our fans, and we get to play in towns and cities we haven't visited for many years."

Fellow UB40 founding member and principal songwriter Jimmy Brown agrees, "The atmosphere in the venues on our current tour has been amazing. You can feel it from the stage and it lifts the band to a different level. You rarely get that in an arena. We're never happier than when we are on stage; we are a working band, it's what we do."

The success of the tour is bound to rankle with UB40's former lead singer Ali Campbell, who has repeatedly attempted to discredit his former bandmates since he walked out on them in 2008.

UB40 founding member Robin Campbell said, "Ali has been shamelessly attempting to pass himself off as a 'reformed' UB40 since the start of 2014, which has confused many of our fans, the media and concert promoters all over the world. We've had to issue writs against Ali and two other former members. If they want to be UB40 so badly they should never have chosen to leave UB40 in the first place."

Naming themselves after the unemployment benefit form, UB40 formed in 1978, before releasing their debut album 'Signing Off' in August 1980 – considered by many to be one of the greatest reggae albums ever released by a British band. It was the start of a career that has since seen the band have over forty UK Top 40 hit singles and achieve sales of over 100 million records, making UB40 one of the most successful British groups of all-time. The band's latest Top 30 album 'Getting Over The Storm' was awarded BBC Radio

2's 'Album Of The Week' accolade and received 5-star reviews from the UK's music press on its release in September 2013.

UB40's UK TOUR DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

May 2015

Sun, May 3rd, 2015 - NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Newcastle City Hall
Mon, May 4th, 2015 - PERTH, Perth Concert Hall
Tue, May 5th, 2015 - MOTHERWELL, Motherwell Concert Hall
Fri, May 8th, 2015 - WARRINGTON, Pyramid and Parr Hall
Sat, May 9th, 2015 - HALIFAX, Victoria Theatre
Sun, May 10th, 2015 - GLOUCESTER, GL1 Leisure Centre
Tue, May 12th, 2015 - CAMBRIDGE, Cambridge Corn Exchange
Wed, May 13th, 2015 - GUILDFORD, G Live Guildford
Thu, May 14th, 2015 - YEOVIL, Westland Leisure Complex
Sat, May 16th, 2015 - WATFORD, Watford Colosseum
Sun, May 17th, 2015 - PLYMOUTH, Plymouth Pavilions
Tue, May 19th, 2015 - VENTNOR, Ventnor Winter Garden Theatre
Wed, May 20th, 2015 - EASTBOURNE, Congress Theatre
Fri, May 22nd, 2015 - BLACKPOOL, Opera House at Winter Gardens
Sat, May 23rd, 2015 - WREXHAM, William Aston Hall
Sun, May 24th, 2015 - LINCOLN, Engine Shed
Wed, May 27th, 2015 - BRIDLINGTON, Bridlington Spa Centre
Thu, May 28th, 2015 - DARTFORD, Orchard Theatre Dartford
Sat, May 30th, 2015 - CHEPSTOW, Chepstow Racecourse
Tue, June 2nd, 2015 - STOKE, Victoria Hall, Stoke
Wed, June 3rd, 2015 - NORTHAMPTON, Royal and Derngate
Thu, June 4th, 2015 - BATH, Forum
Sat, 6th June - DONCASTER, Doncaster Racecourse

Tickets are on sale now and available from www.ub40.co.uk

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Notes to editor

UB40 have issued writs against former members Ali Campbell, Mickey Virtue and Terence "Astro" Wilson for using the band's name, six years after Ali and Mickey walked out on the band.

Since 2008, UB40 have released three studio albums, and toured the world twice. The band's most recent studio album *Getting Over The Storm* was awarded BBC Radio 2's Album of The Week Accolade.

In 2014 UB40 embarked on a sold-out forty-date UK tour, selling over 100,000 tickets:

UB40's line-up is:

Duncan Campbell – co-lead vocals
Robin Campbell – co-lead vocals, guitar
Earl Falconer – bass, vocals.
Brian Travers – sax and keys
Jimmy Brown – drums
Norman Hassan – percussion, vocals.
Martin Meredith – sax
Lawrence Parry – sax

Robin Campbell, Earl Falconer, Norman Hassan, Jimmy Brown and Brian Travers are all founding members of UB40.

Jimmy Brown and Brian Travers are (and always have been) UB40's principal songwriters.

Duncan Campbell (Ali and Robin Campbell's brother) joined the band with Ali's blessing after he left the group in 2008. Having grown up singing with his brothers, Duncan was first asked to join the band when UB40 formed, but declined the offer.

Martin Meredith and Lawrence Parry have been in the UB40's touring line-up for over 20 years.