



Press Release

STATUS QUO ANNOUNCED FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY IN OCTOBER 2017

'Electrical Storm' expected as legendary rockers hit the Dubai Opera stage this year

Dubai UAE 23rd February 2017: Following an incredible reaction and success of the current European Tour and a huge number of requests from fans and promoters, Status Quo has announced an extension to its current tour which will take in one night at Dubai Opera on 27 October 2017.

'Last Night of the Electrics' began in 2016 and is a thunderous electric live show featuring Francis Rossi, Andrew Bown, John 'Rhino' Edwards, Leon Cave and Richie Malone. Throughout their six-decade career the band has enjoyed over 500 weeks in the album charts and sold more than 118 million records worldwide!

With the release of 43 albums since founding member Francis Rossi was joined by Rick Parfitt to form Status Quo in 1967 the Quo became one of the biggest English rock bands of all time, spending a total of 415 weeks in the British singles chart. Racking up over 6000 live shows and performing to an estimated audience of over 25 million people, the boys, now continuing to perform without Parfitt who died at the end of 2016, have extended the tour dates to honour his memory.

Both founding members Rick and Francis were awarded an OBE in 2009 for services to music and charity and have a huge following worldwide. This amazing opportunity to see one of the greatest rock bands in the world is expected to generate rapid ticket sales and so the advice from Dubai Opera is to snap them up quick to avoid disappointment.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive Jasper Hope commented: "Status Quo are the ultimate live performers – and in a space as intimate as Dubai Opera, I expect their show will quite literally raise the roof this October. For anyone who's been waiting for us to turn up the volume, this one's for you, rock on Dubai."

Tickets will go on sale for XXXXX. For more information please sign up to the mailing list on the [Dubai Opera website](#)



Quick Quo Facts:

- * Founder members **Francis Rossi** is joined in the current **QUO** line up by keyboard player **Andrew Bown** [since 1976], bassist **John 'Rhino' Edwards** [1986] and drummer **Leon Cave** [2013].
- * **QUO** have spent in excess of seven and a half years (415 weeks) in the British Singles Chart - the eleventh highest ever.
- * **QUO** have had 43 hit albums (27 studio albums of new material, 11 compilations, 5 live albums) in the British Albums Chart; more than any other band apart from The Rolling Stones.
- * In 1985 **QUO** opened **Live Aid** with the song which was to become the event's anthem '**Rockin' All Over The World**'.
- * In their 48 year history, it is estimated that **QUO** have played over 6000 live shows to a total audience in excess of 25 million people. In doing so, the band has travelled some four million miles and spent 23 years away from home.
- * September 21st 1991 saw **QUO** enter the Guinness Book of Records when they played four British shows in 11 hours and 11 minutes. The '**Rock 'Til You Drop**' event saw shows at Sheffield Arena, Glasgow SE&CC, Birmingham NEC and Wembley Arena.
- * 1991 also saw **QUO** presented with the most prestigious award in British music when they were awarded the **BRITS Award** for '**Outstanding Contribution To The British Music Industry**'.

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