



Welcome

Hi, and welcome to our third Apollomemories newsletter.

Over the Christmas period we emailed many of the acts that played at the Apollo and asked them to contribute their memories.

The response has been fantastic and we have heard from OMD, Dr Hook, Wishbone Ash, The Groundhogs, Rab Noakes, Joan Armatrading, Krokus, Gary Numan, Magnum, Gordon Giltrap, Sham 69 and The Jam.

We are very grateful to all the contributing artists.

It's Good It's Greens

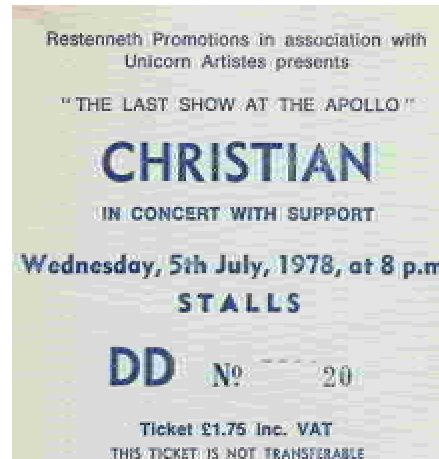
Here is an image of the Green's Playhouse from 1948.



The image shows the original facing (marquee) of the building, which was made of ornate bronze, opal glass and milk glass and finished off with hundreds of bulbs. The Scottish weather took its toll on the original marquee was removed and replaced by the more familiar and less grand vertical sign PLAYHOUSE during a renovation a few years later.

Missing Stubs

Well we finally managed to get hold of a 1978 Christian stub!



Next up we'd like to try and get hold of the Style Council ticket for the very last show at the Apollo in 1985. Get up into those lofts again everyone!

Where are they now?

Many of you will know that in 1978 the then owners of the Apollo, Unicorn was about to relinquish their lease on the building and Mecca announced that they wished to turn the Apollo into a Bingo Hall.

This resulted in a massive outcry and it is estimated that 100,000 signatures were collected, which included such stars as Paul McCartney and Eric Clapton.



We would like to talk to Valerie Paul and Christine Oliver who helped save the Apollo from closure back in 1978 by running their own petition, which attracted 18,000 names.

If you know where they are please let them know that we are out there!



Merchandise

We have had a couple of T-shirts designed for fans of the Apollo. The "F**! Bingo, long live rock" was Bob Geldof's reaction to the planned closure in 1978.

Please support our efforts and visit the shop on the website. Only £11 plus p&p.

In the Press

Colin McFarlane of the Sunday Post interviewed us a couple of weeks ago, at the site of the Apollo. A double page spread will appear in the Post on the 18th or 25th of January.

It transpires that Colin was a bouncer at the Green's. Colin recounted that once having decanted himself to a box to watch the gig a punter appeared and informed him that the toilet door was jammed.

On investigating the problem and a few swift kicks later a stocious (trans. very drunk) punter was dragged out of the loo and propped up on a chair outside the door to the upper circle.

Having left the drunk for half an hour Colin returned to find that the chap's denim jacket had gone.

A further half hour later it was rings and a wristwatch that had been half inched.

Fortunately the punter had recovered enough by this time to stagger into the auditorium. Colin reckons it was a good job too as he would have probably ended up naked!

Thanks to Colin for his interest in Apollomemories.

NME Awards

Thank you to everyone who has voted for us for these prestigious rewards.



If you have not managed to vote yet – please visit the site and click on the banner on the left hand side.

Letters and Feedback

We would welcome feedback on our newsletter theherald@glasgowapollo.com and Website as well as any suggestions.

Contact Information

Contributions should be emailed to apollomemories@yahoo.com

If you would like to advertise on our website or newsletter or if you would be interested in our web development and management please contact us on advertising@glasgowapollo.com

.....and finally



Apollomemories has been asked to help publicise "The Blast from the Past Concert" at the Clyde Auditorium on 28th Feb 2004. The bill will include Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers, Mud, BC Sweet and Alvin Stardust.

KidsCharities.org was started during the Kosovo crisis. Songwriter Sue Shifrin-Cassidy and her husband, David Cassidy, wrote "Message to the World" to benefit the refugees.

With the success of the recording, Shifrin-Cassidy broadened her goals and formed KidsCharities.org.

Caroline McFarlan, who, with her broadcaster husband, Bill McFarlan, has raised over £80,000 for children's charities with the popular Broadcasting Business Charity Balls, runs KidsCharities UK.

Should be a good night out! **Tickets** priced at £25 **ARE AVAILABLE NOW** on 0870 040 4000.