

SIMPLY RED

"Welcome to the final year of 25 mind-blowing years," says Mick Hucknall of Simply Red's final shows. "What an adventure it has been!"

The band will say their farewells all over the world this year, after what has been a remarkable quarter century.

Since their first tour in 1985, Simply Red have played more than 1,100 shows to 11 million people, sold 55 million records, had 31 Top 40 UK singles, three BRIT Awards, two Ivor Novellos, two US number one singles and a Moby Special Achievement.

"I could never have imagined my career would bring me so far," added Mick Hucknall. "We want to share this closing anniversary with all the people who have enjoyed our sound throughout the years. Celebrate it and gently move on to the second half of a musical story. We all hope to see you at a show somewhere soon."

Simply Red emerged out of the streets and clubs of Manchester in the post-punk era of 1984 and within 12 months were riding high in the British charts. They soon outgrew Manchester and went on their first UK university/club tour in 1985, and quickly graduated to Europe and the US in 1986.

The original line-up of singer Hucknall, bassist Tony Bowers, drummer Chris Joyce, guitarist Dave Fryman, keyboardist/singer Fritz McIntyre and horn player Tim Kellet became regulars on the thriving club circuit and soon caught the attention of record company scouts on the hunt for new talent.

Executives at the UK arm of renowned US label Elektra were the most persistent – and most generous. Within six months of starting up, Simply Red found themselves with a major record deal and on their way to a recording studio with ace American producer Stewart Levine.

By 1987 they had conquered New Zealand and Australia and in 1989 they toured South America and Japan for the first time. By 1990 they had become a true global arena act and continued at that level until this day. They played three sold-out shows at the HK Coliseum in 1992. Last year's Greatest Hits tour notched up a further 1 million people around the world.

Simply Red will play their final farewell shows after a quarter of a century of touring, allowing Mick Hucknall to pursue a solo career and begin a brand new chapter.

Simply Red's Farewell date is:

Wednesday September 22 at HKCEC Hall 5BC



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britsoverseas is offering three pairs of tickets (each pair worth HK\$1,960) to see Simply Red at the HK Convention & Exhibition Centre on September 22.

Question: Which supermodel did Mick Hucknall allegedly date?

Email entries for competitions should be sent to editorial@britsoverseas.com before September 1, 2010, clearly stating in the subject header – Simply Red Live in Hong Kong.

Simply Red Farewell Tour

8PM – September 22, 2010

HKCEC Hall 5BC

Tickets: HK\$380 HK\$680 HK\$980 HK\$1280

Tickets available at HK Ticketing and Tom Lee Outlets

Booking Hotline: (852) 31-288-288

Online Booking: www.hkticketing.com

General Enquiries: (852) 2989 9239

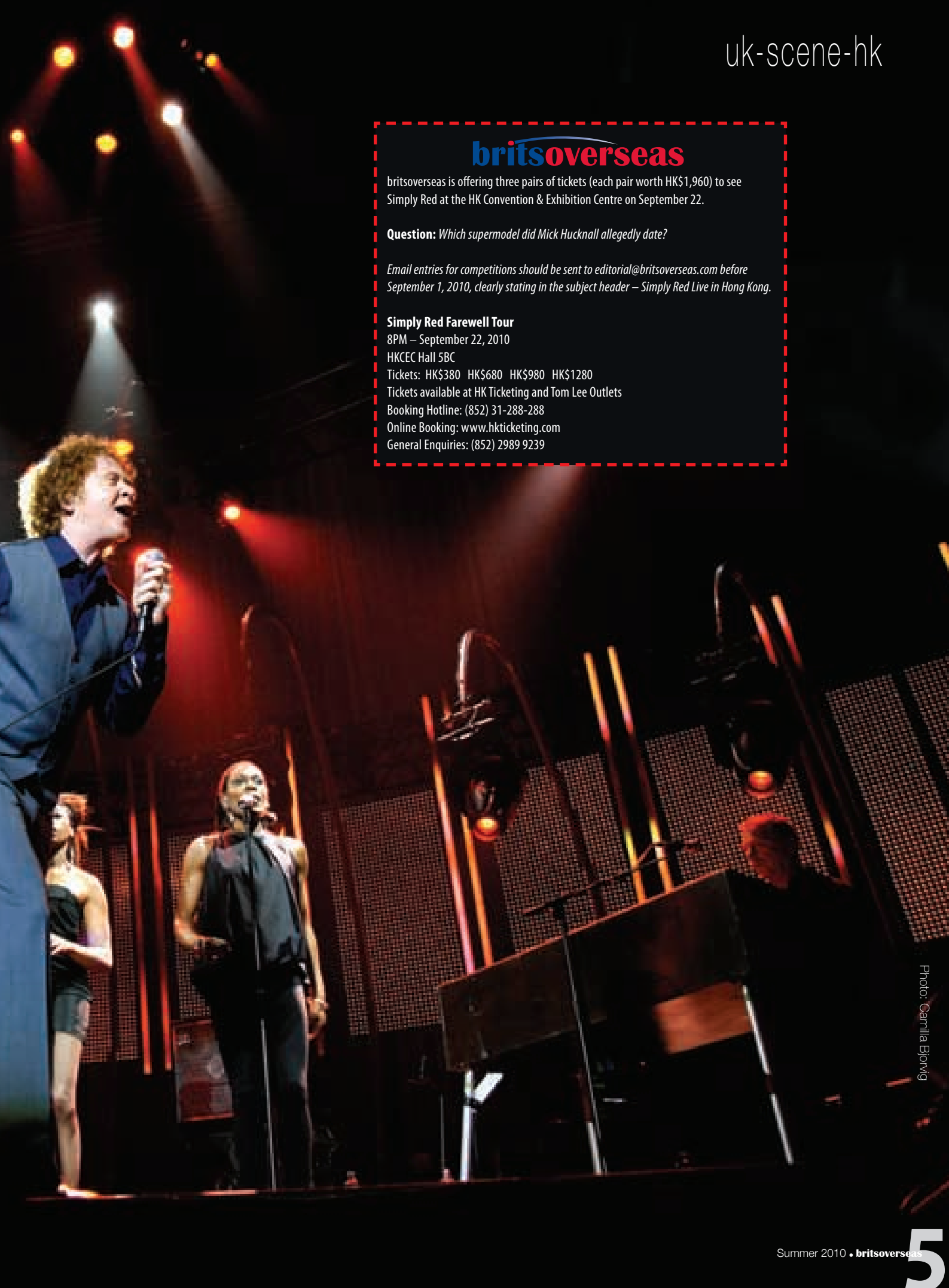


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THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN

Pigs might fly? On 10th October they may well, among a host of many other objects that will launch themselves off a six-metre platform at the West Kowloon Heliport.

Red Bull Flugtag is a competition of bravery and brainpower; where home-made, human-powered flying machines will take flight in front of thousands of spectators.

Red Bull Flugtag, meaning 'flying day' in German, is a world-renowned manmade aircraft flying competition open to anybody who has ever dreamed of flying. It is taking place for the first time ever in Asia on October 10 2010 right here in Hong Kong!

Flugtag is the brainchild of Red Bull owner Dietrich Mateschitz although the format was originally invented in a small seaside town in the south of England under the name "Birdman Rally" in 1971.



M&S

Marks & Spencer has opened its first standalone Marks & Spencer Food store in Hong Kong. The brand new store in Wan Chai is the company's first international standalone store to offer a range of fresh, chilled food, alongside its popular ambient food products.

The new store offers more than 800 quality food and drink products including groceries, savouries, biscuits, confectionery and wines.

Around 300 of these are fresh, chilled foods. This edited selection of Marks & Spencer favourites, will include cold meats, cheeses, yoghurts, desserts and puddings, fruit juices. Also on offer is a choice of traditional British and international ready meals including Italian and Indian cuisines.

The shop also boasts an in-store bakery that will freshly bake pastries and bread each day, as well as Hot Food to Go and Coffee to Go counters offering drinks and takeaway snacks such as toasted sandwiches, paninis and soups.

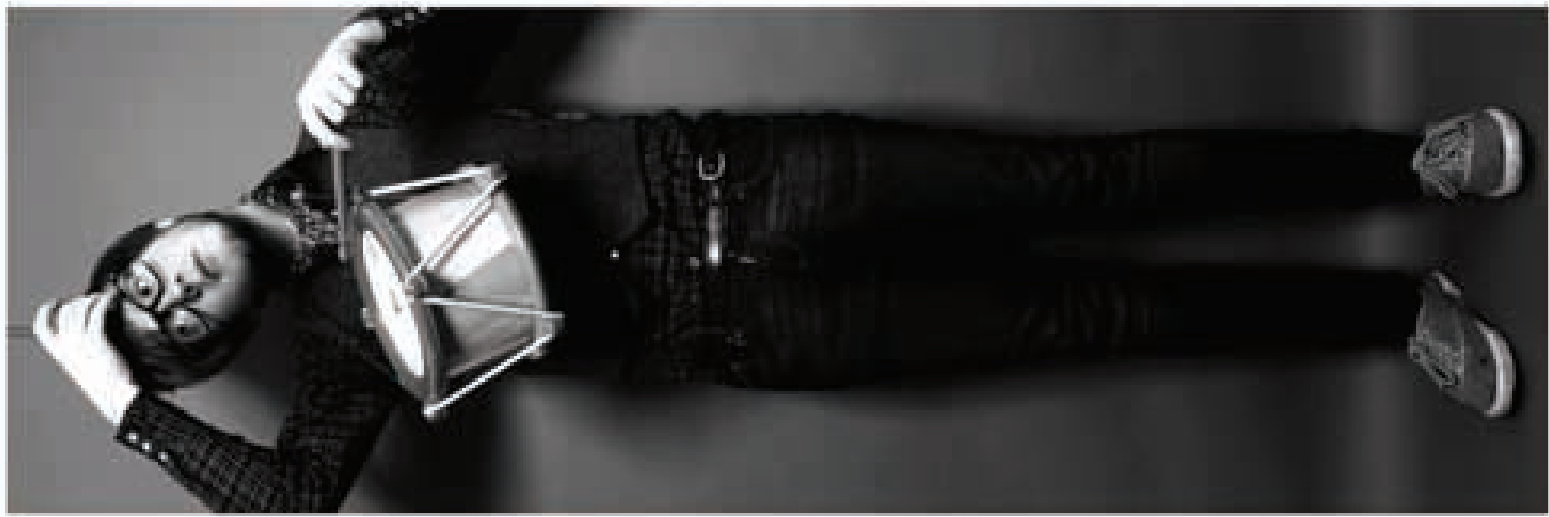
Verdict: Great for variety but beware of the supposed 'gourmet British breakfast.'

Address: Shop B, G/F, 88 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai (near Wan Chai MTR Station, Exit A1)

Telephone: 2922 8061

Opening hours: Mon – Sat (8am – 9pm) / Sun & Public Holiday (10am – 8pm)





TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB & DELPHIC

Venue: Hong Kong International Trade & Exhibition Centre (Rotunda 3)

Address: 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay

Date: Tue, 10/08/2010 Time: 8:00pm

Continuing in its quest to offer Hong Kong the grooviest live acts, Untitled is proud to announce a night of the best up-and-coming indie dance music from the UK.

Fresh from Northern Ireland, Two Door Cinema Club is on tour with their debut album *Tourist History*, and hailed to "possess an undeniably radiant surge of energy" in their live act. The trio have excited the UK with their catchy tunes, bubbly beats and killer verve, and sold out gigs in North America.

Placing third in the BBC's *Sound of 2010*, Delphic is the antidote to the bog-standard indie band sound and electro dance acts that have lost their souls. Their debut album *Acolyte* was described as "on kissing terms with magnificence" by *The Independent*, while the quirky quartet's dynamic stage presence has electrified crowds at the festival circuit in the UK and Europe. The two not-to-be-missed acts will be sure to have Hong Kong bouncing up and down.

Tickets are \$410, available June 23 at HKTicketing.com and all the usual HK ticketing outlets.

