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Legendary Scottish Band

BIG COUNTRY

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Big Country was originally formed in 1981 by guitar playing founder members Stuart Adamson and Bruce Watson

both natives of the band's hometown Dunfermline in Scotland.

Initially driven by a shared vision of widescreen guitar melody, harmony and lyric, the classic Big Country sound was further enhanced later that summer by the arrival of drummer Mark Brzezicki

and bass player Tony Butler. This is the Big Country that (with producer Steve Lillywhite), recorded the classic debut album 'The Crossing' in 1983.

The band broke massively worldwide with the release of the album's classic singles 'Fields Of Fire', 'Chance' and signature song 'In A Big Country', which went on to become massive worldwide hits, selling over 2 million copies and driving 'The Crossing' to 3 prestigious Grammy nominations in the USA.

The run of success continued throughout the 1980's with the release of the anthemic single 'Wonderland' and the second album 'Steeltown' (1984), which debuted at Number 1 in the UK and contained the hit singles 'East Of Eden', 'Just a Shadow' and 'Where The Rose Is Sown' . In 1985, Big Country appeared at Live Aid in London followed by further successful album releases 'The Seer' (1986, which included the bands biggest UK hit 'Look Away', which also reached Number 1 in the Irish Singles chart) and 'Peace In Our Time' (1988), which saw the band playing the first ever privately promoted gig in Russia at the Moscow Sports Stadium.

At the start of the 90's 'Through A Big Country', featuring all the bands classic hits was released, followed by the fifth studio album 'No Place Like Home' (1991) taking the band's total record sales to well over five million copies. Further studio albums Buffalo Skinners (1993) and 'Why The Long Face' (1995) followed, which saw Big Country landing the special guest slot on the Rolling Stones 'Voodoo Lounge' European tour and several shows in the UK and Ireland with Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant in 1995. In August 1998 they were once again invited to open for the Rolling Stones on their 'Bridges To Babylon' tour of Europe prompting Mick Jagger to say that Big Country were "one of the best opening bands we ever had". Big Country, scored 17 top 30 UK singles achieving 5 gold and platinum status albums along the way.

Tony Butler, Mark Brzezicki and Bruce Watson re-united in 2007 to celebrate the band's Twenty-fifth anniversary.

"It wasn't a come-back... it was just the three of us having fun, as friends and as a band, and hoping to give the fans some enjoyment by playing our songs live, to celebrate 25 years" - Bruce Watson

In the summer of 2010, Bruce Watson asked Mike Peters to sing with Big Country and his son Jamie to play guitar.

The first gig was in Glasgow on New Year's Eve 2010. The band have performed at many of the UK and Europe's most famous festivals, including Isle Of Wight (Twice), V Festival, T In The Park, Oxegen, Pink Pop and Cropredy creating a new generation of fans and renewing the passion for diehards with the introduction of new original songs such as 'Another Country' and 'The Journey' which encapsulate not only the sound but the heart and soul of Big Country past, present and future.

Bassist Tony Butler has decided that his time in Big Country has come to a close and so he has retired gracefully from the stage with his place now being taken by another long standing friend of the Big Country family
Derek Forbes

(Simple Minds), who was recently voted Best Scottish Bass player of all time.

In 2014 the Line-up of Big Country may change but you

can be rest assured that the backbone of the band Bruce Watson and Mark Brzezicki have no plans on slowing down.