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SIMPLE MINDS

TO HEADLINE THE RETURN OF
TK MAXX PRESENTS
DERBY SUMMER SESSIONS 2025



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GENERAL TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, 04 OCTOBER 2024

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Monday, 30 September – Today, **Live Nation** and leading live music and event promoter **Cuffe & Taylor** announce that **Simple Minds** will headline the highly anticipated return of **TK Maxx Presents Derby Summer Sessions**, taking place on **Tuesday 08 July**, at **Markeaton Park**. Following the success of last year's inaugural Derby Summer Sessions—which featured world-class headliners such as Madness, Tom Jones and Becky Hill. Tickets will go on general sale on Friday, 04 October via smmrsessions.com / ticketmaster.co.uk.

Simple Minds are one of the UK's most successful bands, with six No.1 albums and chart-topping success in countries around the world including Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Australia, and New Zealand. Over a 40-year career, the band has explored a wide range of musical styles—from avant-garde and art-rock to stadium anthems—while remaining quintessentially Simple Minds. Famed for hits like the “Don’t You (Forget About Me)” and UK No.1 “Belfast Child,” Simple Minds has sold over 60 million records. The band has seen three studio albums ‘Sparkle In The Rain,’ ‘Once Upon A Time,’ and ‘Street Fighting Years’ hit No.1 in the UK, alongside live album ‘Live In The City Of Light’. A legendary live band, Simple Minds has headlined major stadiums worldwide, starred at Live Aid, and played iconic shows in honour of Nelson Mandela.

The iconic band will take to the stage at **Southampton Summer Sessions** and **Bedford Summer Sessions** too:

- TK Maxx Presents Southampton Summer Sessions – Sunday, 29 June 2025
- TK Maxx Presents Bedford Summer Sessions – Thursday, 3 July 2025
- TK Maxx Presents Derby Summer Sessions – Tuesday, 8 July 2025

These shows mark the return of one the live event series following this summer’s hugely successful Summer Sessions across England and Wales, which featured world-class headliners such as Avril Lavigne, Bryan Adams, Sting, and Tom Jones across five locations in England and Wales.

Peter Taylor, Co-Founder of Cuffe & Taylor, said: *"We are absolutely thrilled to bring Simple Minds to headline the Summer Sessions in Bedford, Derby, and Southampton. They are an iconic band with a legendary catalogue of hits that have defined generations, and their live performances are truly second to none. After the success of last year’s Summer Sessions, we are excited to raise the bar even higher in 2025. These shows will be a real highlight of the summer, and we can’t wait to welcome fans for what promises to be another incredible series of events."*

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About Summer Sessions

Launched by DF Concerts in 2013, Summer Sessions quickly became a summer staple in Scotland, known for its star-studded lineups in Glasgow and Edinburgh. After a successful UK-wide expansion in 2024, in partnership with Cuffe & Taylor, the festival is now firmly established across multiple cities, including Bedford, Plymouth, Derby and Southampton. In 2025, Summer Sessions continues to deliver world-class live music experiences, bringing iconic artists to vibrant locations across the UK. As the festival grows, it remains a must-attend event for music lovers, offering unforgettable performances in the heart of the nation’s most dynamic cities.

About Cuffe & Taylor

Cuffe & Taylor is one of the UK's top live music, theatre, and event promoters. Established for more than 10 years and part of the Live Nation family, they present breath-taking tours, festivals and shows across the UK filling football stadiums, arenas, theatres, and major historical sites.

Cuffe & Taylor's roster of artists is extensive and varied including Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, Britney Spears, Rod Stewart, Christina Aguilera, Mariah Carey, Lewis Capaldi, Sir Tom Jones, Bryan Adams, Kylie, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Stereophonics, George Ezra, The Strokes, Sam Fender, and Def Leppard. They also operate a hugely successful theatre touring department across the UK and internationally programming thousands of nights of entertainment ranging from live podcasts, screen-to-stage TV adaptations and musical theatre. In 2023 they were recipients of an Olivier Award, for Best Family Show, for their original production of 'Hey Duggee - The Live Theatre Show'.

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