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Justin Hayward

All The Way, And More Tour

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ABOUT

Having chalked up nearly fifty years at the peak of the music and entertainment industry, Justin Hayward's voice has been heard the world over. Known principally as the vocalist, lead guitarist and composer for the Moody Blues, his is an enduring talent that has helped to define the times in which he has worked. Over the last forty-five years, the band has sold fifty-five million albums and received numerous awards. Commercial success has gone hand in hand with critical acclaim, The Moody Blues are renowned the world over as innovators and trail blazers who have influenced any number of fellow artists. The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class of 2018.

Having started the ball rolling as a songwriter in his own right with a couple of solo singles, he joined the Moody Blues in the summer of 1966. Hitting his stride immediately with the single 'Fly Me High,' he followed it up with the classic hit songs 'Nights in White Satin' and 'Tuesday Afternoon' from the seminal album *Days of Future Past*. This album went on to become a favorite of the NASA astronauts and was taken aboard the Atlantis shuttle space craft by Chief astronaut "Hoot" Gibson on many missions.

The hits kept coming as Justin created other classic, era and genre-defining hits 'Question', 'The Voice,' 'I Know You're Out

There Somewhere,' and 'Your Wildest Dreams.' These laid the foundation for the incredible success story of the Moody Blues — as well as his solo work — which continues to this day. When the Moody Blues took a break from touring in 1975, Justin worked on the Blue Jays album, followed by the hit single 'Blue Guitar' (recorded with the members of 10cc). Although the Moodies continued to record and tour at the highest level, Justin also found time to create several solo albums: *Songwriter*, *Night Flight*, *Moving Mountains* and *The View From the Hill*.

Proving that he could write massive hits outside of the Moody Blues, Justin hit the Top Ten globally in 1978 with 'Forever Autumn' — created for Jeff Wayne's *War of the Worlds* album. Becoming, even for a writer of his stature, a signature song, this was the spur to him taking to the stage — for five years, from 2005 – 2010, and starring in the spectacular live stadium production.

In the 1980s he was made a member of the famous 'SODS' (The Society of Distinguished Songwriters) and in 2012, he was elected 'King SOD.' He also collaborated in 1989 with Mike Batt and the London Philharmonic Orchestra and recorded the album *Classic Blue*.

Whilst releasing solo albums and DVDs and working on many different projects, including new solo recordings, Justin

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continues to tour with the Moody Blues all across the world. Justin records in Italy and France of which he says, "Spending time making music in a beautiful place with your friends is every songwriter's dream. His latest album of new songs *Spirits Of The Western Sky* — for Eagle Rock — was followed by several solo tours, and most recently a 'live in concert' DVD *Spirits...Live*, which reached #1 on the *Billboard* Video chart. "My acoustic solo tours give the perfect balance to the big production of the Moody Blues concerts. I'm so lucky to have both." His live solo show was a very successful PBS special airing 2016-2017.

He is consistently touring the globe with The Moody Blues, and as a solo artist — accompanied by Julie Ragins, and Mike Dawes, one of a new generation of young exceptional and gifted guitar players.

"I have spent most of my life, so far, on the road," says Justin. "Playing live and creating a small piece of magic in a room is like a drug to me, one that I never want to give up." His is a talent that has helped soundtrack more than a generation and created a legacy that remains undimmed.

SPECIAL GUEST



MIKE DAWES is hailed as one of the world's finest and most creative modern fingerstyle guitar performers.

His acclaimed solo music has gained over 15 million hits on popular video sharing sites and since the release of his debut album in 2013, he has toured almost every continent on the planet, with an average of 150 concerts per year.

Mike needs to be seen live to be believed. His ability to create the most unusual tones and textures simultaneously from a single acoustic guitar leaves fellow musicians stunned. Bass, melody, harmony and percussion all seamlessly produced using his signature technical yet intrinsically musical guitar technique.

His show is not just for guitar fans however, his entertaining and humorous rapport transcends the traditional guitar concert. Extraordinary virtuosity meets Monty Python as a one-man rock show.

Mike has recorded with and taught multiple grammy winning artists, appeared on film and TV soundtracks, released apps,

written for the world's best-selling music magazines and in addition to his solo work, currently performs alongside and in support of the legendary frontman of The Moody Blues, Justin Hayward, the debut live DVD of which entered the US *Billboard* charts at #2.

Musicians including John Petrucci, Steve Vai, Gotye, Billy Sheehan and James Valentine (Maroon 5) have all spoken of their admiration towards Mike's work.

About Danny Zelisko Presents

Danny Zelisko has been bringing shows to the Southwest since 1974. He founded the legendary Evening Star Productions in 1976, helping make the Southwest a viable stop on most contemporary tours, producing thousands of shows over the years. Danny proudly partnered Grateful Dead shows with Bill Graham Presents in Phoenix and Las Vegas in the 80s and 90s.