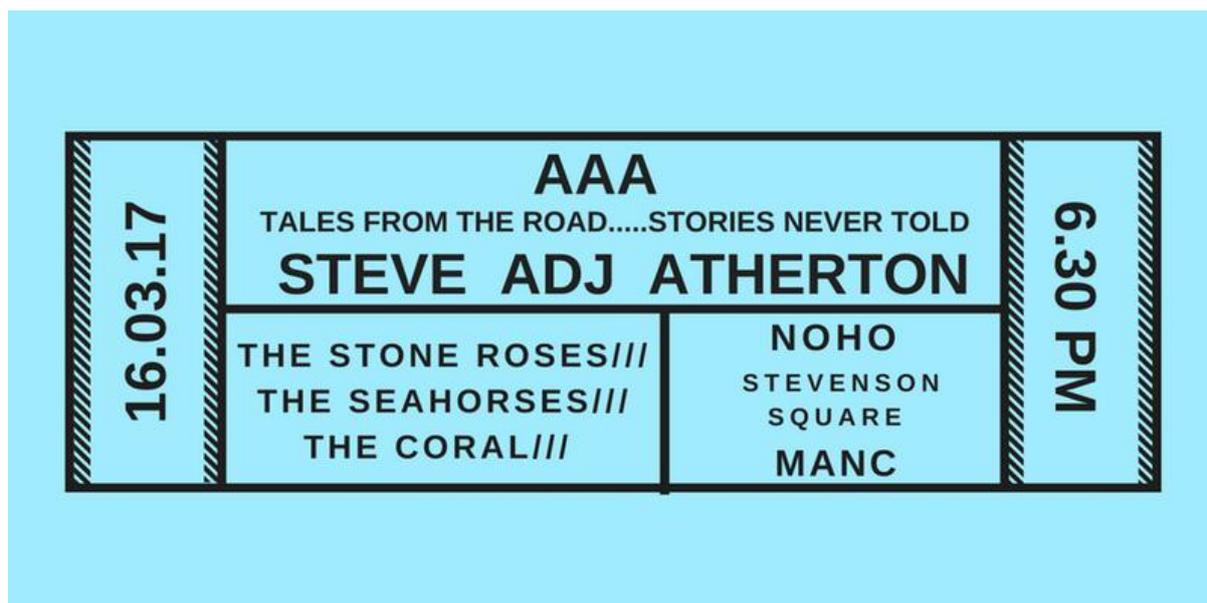


Steve Atherton Interview - 15th March 2017

<http://www.thestoneroses.co> interviews Stone Roses tour manager STEVE ATHERTON.



We've covered Steve Adj a lot in the past and have been privileged to have met him personally a few times.

We've had glimpses of his forthcoming book (Access All Areas – Tales From The Road...Stories Never Told) on YouTube over the last few years and each story has been hilarious and well-remembered.

Steve has been working on his book (out on 12th May, digitally) for some time and we were lucky enough to be able to interview him about his new tome.

1. We gotta ask this: what's your favourite Stone Roses song and why ?

She Bangs The Drums, just knew it was gonna be massive, first time I heard it.

2. It's not every day you get to be part of something special which at the time meant so much to people. What do you think was the magic that took it to that stage ? Can you put your finger on it ?

Passion. The band's drive to succeed despite all obstacles.

3. I remember meeting you when you were project managing John's art exhibitions. Do you have any funny moments to share from that era ?

Yeah, chopping out the windows at the ICA, The Mall, London. To get John's 16 foot bullfight canvas in the building. Then watching the mouths of the curators drop. It's one of my favourite stories in the book.

4. I don't want to take anything away from the book and suspect there will be quite a few comedy stories in there. Would you be kind enough to share with us a short story that perhaps didn't make the book. Or one of your favourite moments from the book ?

80% of the stories are funny, it's been a funny journey. The Wellercopter story, from my time on the road with The Coral, is a belter. It'll be in the book.

5. Did you find it hard to remember everything looking back ?

No, I've got a rolodex memory where fun's concerned.

6. What's next for you after the book ?

Acting, theatre, and the Big Brother house..... Haha, no I've only got nine toes. I'm 60, 12th May 2017, which is also the online release date of the book, more to follow about that nearer the date.

7. Do you think any future bands could achieve what the Roses did ?

I think it's hard for bands these days, everybody knows everything immediately, they have no time to grow and evolve. The mystery can be taken out of it.

8. Any tips for young bands ?

Passion. Don't give up.

9. What got you into being a tour manager ?

My driving licence.

10. What would you like to see the Roses do next ?

Wembley on the 17th June 2017, after I've gobbled off on the 'One Love' boat party on the Thames.

11. If you could, would you change anything about the Roses ?

The management first time round.

12. What's the best way to buy the book ? Amazon, iBooks ?

The only way will be online.

13. What's your fondest memory of the early Roses gigs ?

Pitch 'n' toss on the poop deck.

14. What's on your iPod at the moment?

What's an iPod ? Carnival Club.

15. Just how good was Spike Island ?

When I got my breath back from blowing up the globe, I loved the Pollack sea of the crowd. It's forever in my mind.

16. What are your top 3 Roses gigs ?

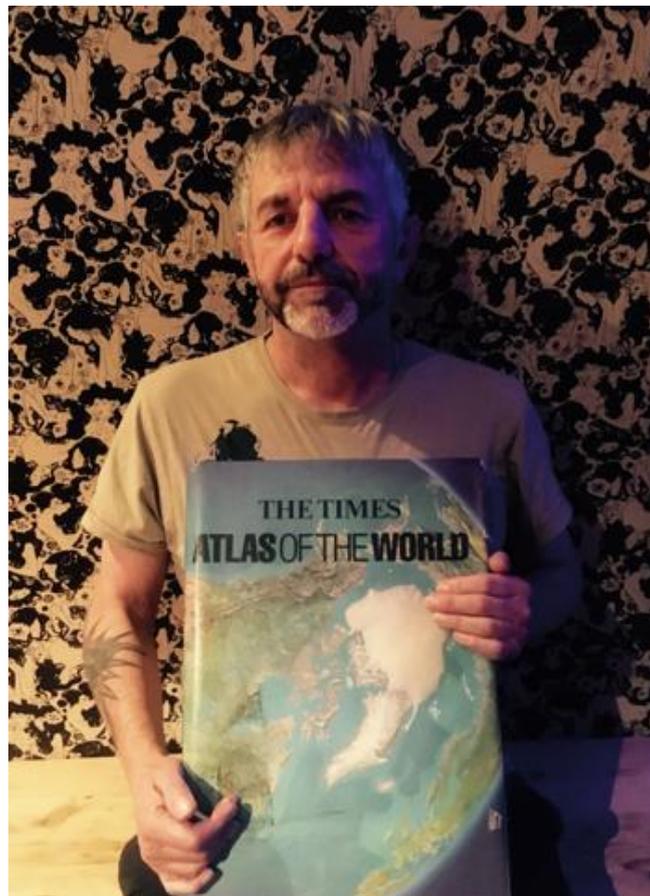
Northampton Road members club. First Glasgow Green gig. Saturday night at Heaton Park.

17. Have you caught up with the Roses recently. We hear they have another 3 new songs. What's the word on the vine ?

Loose lips sink ships.

18. What's your fave item of Roses memorabilia ?

The Atlas of the World the band gave me 25 years ago. Then said pick where you wanna go.



19. Is there anything else you want to add ?

Others will talk about the tunes they heard around the time of the first Stone Roses album and what the songs mean to them and how they relate to their lives.

But I remember

THE HASH THE WEED THE NEED FOR SPEED

GINGER, EVENS AND LINSEY READE

PAINT TINS THROWN

KIDS BORN NOW GROWN

WAREHOUSE FIGHTS AND TWO DAY NIGHTS

SOME WILL TALK OF THE LANDMARK SHOWS

BUT ITS THE LITTLE THINGS THAT REMAIN PREDOMINANT WITH ME

SAWMILLS STARS AND RENI'S CAR

A MUSHROOM BREW FOR A WIDE EYED CREW

THE SONG FOR THE QUEEN AT GLASGOW GREEN

OF WHERE IVE BEEN AND ALL IVE SEEN

OF WEARING FLARES AND HURLING CHAIRS

AND BOUNCING CROWDS AT PRESTON CLOUDS

THEY SAY YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT FIRST LOVE AND FOR ME THIS IS TRUE

I THANK THE BAND FOR THE SOUNDTRACK TO THE FIRST PART OF MY MUSIC RELATED LIFE

PLEASE COME WITH ME THE TRIP IS FREE

LET ME RELAY TO YOU THE RISE OF THE STONE ROSES

YOU CANT TELL ME ANYTHING

FOR I WAS A GARAGE FLOWER

ONE LOVE

KEEP THE FAITH

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