

Arts Centre Melbourne presents

An afternoon with one of pop music's most influential practitioners, Simon Napier-Bell



In an Arts Centre Melbourne exclusive, music journalist and chair of the Australian Music Vault advisory panel **Jane Gazzo** will spend an afternoon in September speaking with rock manager, author, composer, record producer, film maker and all-round expert in popular music, **Simon Napier-Bell**.

As one of Britain's most successful artist managers, Simon has worked with acts such as **Dusty Springfield**, **The Yardbirds** (featuring **Jimmy Page** from **Led Zeppelin**), **Ultravox**, **Marc Bolan** and **T-Rex**, **Asia**, **Candi Staton**, **Boney M**, **Sinéad O'Connor** and he most famously discovered **George Michael** and **Wham!**, who became the first Western band to ever tour China in the early 80s thanks to his persistence.

Working alongside the managers of The Beatles and the Rolling Stones - Brian Epstein and Andrew Loog Oldham - Simon took notes and observed the workings of the music industry, which he later applied to the artists he managed - all of whom became household names.

Simon's composition credits include co-writing the 60's hit *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*, first performed by **Dusty Springfield**, and then **Elvis Presley**. He is also the author of four best-selling books on popular music and recently directed two film documentaries - an investigation into the psyche of creative music artists, *The 27 Club* and also *50 Years Legal*, to mark 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Great Britain.

Join us for a discussion focusing on Simon's brilliant career and the history of popular music.

Arts Centre Melbourne presents
An Afternoon with Simon Napier-Bell, hosted by Jane Gazzo
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The Pavillion, Arts Centre Melbourne
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