

Free

Forever

**LEGENDARY PERFORMANCES
RARE, PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED MATERIAL
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Universal Music Group has announced the forthcoming release of the definitive live performances of **FREE**. Slated for a simultaneous **September 18th 2006** release with **FREE – 'Live At The BBC' (CD)**, **FREE 'FOREVER'** will be available as a **Limited Edition** double-disc **DVD** set, and as a standard Amaray version 2 x disc set. Long sought by **FREE** devotees and collectors, this marks the first ever official release of these rare and legendary performances. Recent interviews with **Paul Rodgers, Andy Fraser** and **Simon Kirke**, fused with archive footage captured at the peak of their relatively short lived career, perfectly demonstrates why **FREE** remain the masters of understatement, pure musical passion and one of the finest blues rock bands of their time.

Famed for their perennial '*All Right Now*', **FREE** helped lay the foundations for the rise of rock, stripping the earthy tones of British blues down to its minimalist core and pioneering an exciting new sound.

As bassist **Andy Fraser** explains, "*I have had to relent, and submit to the fact that the memory of **FREE** still burns strong, despite all that has gone in between. I still receive thousands of letters from **FREE** fans, proving that I am not alone in the love I had for **FREE***". Arguably as influential as their early 70's super-group stable mates, the timeless **Cream**, **FREE** truly was a band where the whole was stronger than the individual parts, and their musical legacy lives on today in bands such as **Kings Of Leon**, **Wolfmother** and **Jet**. **Fraser** goes on to add, "*People tell me it has been the soundtrack to their lives, that they still play it daily, have turned their kids onto it, which is pretty overwhelming*".

FREE 'FOREVER' LONDON PREMIERE

Book now for London premiere event! Screening, Q&A and party with band members at **The Glass Bar**, 9 Glasshouse Street, London, W1B 5EL* Entrance via Café Royal – 68 Regent Street ***Thursday 7th September 2006** * Doors at 6.30pm Tickets cost £20 or £25 on the door. Limited numbers, so book now to avoid disappointment. Call 0845 466 8000 or visit <http://www.vistavega.com/> for more information

FREE 'FOREVER' Limited Edition 2-disc DVD offers over 4 and a half hours of classic TV recordings, videos, interviews and live performances, including three tracks from their seminal appearance at the **Isle Of Wight festival**, 1970. Offered up here in a brand-new edit, two cameras were used to film the tracks '*Be My Friend*' and '*Mr Big*', whilst '*All Right Now*' receives the full four camera treatment, combining mesmerizing sweeping shots of the huge festival crowd and the intimate workings of a band playing at their peak.

Other highlights of the release include extremely rare television appearances, including a performance at **The Beat Club**, Germany from 1970, five tracks from a fantastic performance on **Granada TV's *Doin' Their Thing*** show, and the original videos for '*All Right Now*', '*The Stealer*', '*My Brother Jake*' and '*Wishing Well*'.

New interviews with the band have been specifically recorded for this release and offer an insight into the workings of **FREE**, the songwriting and how the band themselves feel about their history.



A stunning sound and vision experience **FREE 'FOREVER'** has been painstakingly

restored, remixed and remastered for 5.1 dts Surround Sound and Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo. Extensive liner notes and a fold-out poster, accompany this special DVD release.



2006 marks the 30th anniversary of the tragic death of inspirational guitarist and founding **FREE** member, **Paul Kossoff**. **Paul Rodgers** explains “ *The idea to form a band began at the ‘Fickle Pickle’ blues pub in Finsbury Park, where I was playing, when **Paul Kossoff** asked to jam. We played ‘Stormy Monday Blues’, ‘Every Day I Have The Blues’ and **BB Kings’** ‘Four O’ Clock In The Morning’. When we played together time stood still. I said to **Paul**, “We have to form a new band. It was then and there that the idea was born to form what became **FREE**. **Koss** became my soul mate guitarist, never to be replaced”.*

Later, **Rodgers**, **Kossoff** and drummer **Simon Kirke** convened at a pub in Battersea to jam together, capturing the attention of Blues pioneer **Alexis Korner**, who gave the band the idea to use ‘**Free At Last**. **At Last** was dropped and **FREE** it was.

Bassist **Andy Fraser** was the last to join, and he remembers his time in “*the last great band to come out of the ‘60’s*” (**Korner**), fondly; “*From what I have seen and heard, Universal has lovingly assembled this retrospective **FREE ‘Forever’**, that chronicles what for me, and apparently millions of others, was the most unique marriage of four guys, if only for a while”.*

PRODUCT DETAILS

Title	FREE ‘FOREVER’
Release Date	18TH September 2006
Certificate	Exempt
Format	DVD
Contents	Disc 1

Main Feature *Beat Club, Germany 1970*

- Mr Big
- Fire And Water
- All Right Now

Doin' Their Thing, Granada TV, 24th July 1970

- Ride On Pony
- My Big
- Songs Of Yesterday
- I'll Be Creepin'
- All Right Now

Original Videos

- All Right Now
- The Stealer
- My Brother Jake
- Love You So
- Wishing Well

The Freelist

- Australian Interview, GTK 1970
- All Right Now, TOTP
- Andy Fraser, German interview, 1970
- Live at Ealing College
 - Mr Big
 - Ride On Pony

Interviews (part 1) *(New interviews conducted with all the members of the band)*

- Paul Rodgers
- Andy Fraser
- Simon Kirke
- Simon Kossoff ▲

DISC 2

Main Feature *Isle Of Wight – 30th August 1970*

- Ride On Pony
- Woman
- The Stealer
- Be My Friend
- Mr Big
- Fire And Water
- I'm A Mover
- The Hunter
- All Right Now

- Crossroads

Extra Features *New edits taken from the original of the Isle Of Wight Festival for:*

- Be My Friend
- Mr Big
- All Right Now

Use the 'angle' button to switch between new and original edits of these three tracks. Camera angles available

- Split screen view
- Original edit
- New edit

Interviews (part 2)

- Paul Rodgers
- Andy Fraser
- Simon Kirke
- Simon Kossoff ▲

Audio	5.1 dts & Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo
Picture	Full Frame, 4:3 PAL, Colour and Black & White
DVD Region Code	0
DVD Disc Format	Double DVD -9
Total Running Time	4 hours and 35 minutes Disc 1: 1 hour and 47 minutes Disc 2: 2 hours and 48 minutes
Catalogue Number	
Barcode Number	Special Edition Digipack: 0602498422359 Standard Amaray: 0602498425510
Price	£14.99 RRP

▲ **Simon Kossoff** is the late **Paul Kossoff's** brother.

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