



# **NOEL REDDING AND FRIENDS**

## **'LIVE FROM BUNKR . PRAGUE' SET FOR RELEASE JUNE 24TH ON TRACK RECORDS**

Noel Redding - Bass.  
Ivan Kral - Guitar (Patti Smith Band)  
Anthony Krizan - Guitar & Vocals (Spin Doctors)  
Frankie La Rocka - Drums (New York Dolls & Bryan Adams)

Noel Redding, one of the most legendary bass players of all time, is back on Track Records, who are set to release 'Live From Bunkr . Prague' on June 24th. This live album, recorded in Prague in 1995, features Noel playing some of the songs he loved performing most with Jimi Hendrix and Mitch Mitchell in The Jimi Hendrix Experience.

The Jimi Hendrix Experience's debut album, 'Are You Experienced?', on Track Records, has been described as 'The Greatest Ever Debut Album', while their double 'Electric Ladyland' Track Records album remains a milestone classic of all time.

Noel Redding, bassist in the band widely acknowledged as 'The Definitive Power Trio', was in a Japanese restaurant in New York in the summer of 1995, where he was having lunch with his good mate Frankie La Rocka, when Ivan Kral walked in.

Noel hadn't seen Ivan since 1975, when the Noel Redding band was touring with the Patti Smith group, with whom he played rhythm guitar. Conversation got round to "How about Playing Together?" Ivan, who is from the Czech Republic, suggested a gig in Prague. "We said we'll give it a go (I'd never been there before) so, with the inclusion of Anthony Krizan (who had played with Frankie and I many times in the USA) suddenly we had an insta-group" recalls Noel. "After roughly one and a half hours rehearsal at the Bunkr Club, dinner, bath etc. we did the gig. We were very honoured that The President (Havel) came to our show and we had the pleasure of meeting him" Noel recalls.

Also in New York, 2 years later, in 1997, manager Ian Grant (of The Stranglers, Cult and Big Country) tracked down Chris Stamp, co-founder of Track and also a former manager (of The Who). The two got on like a house on fire and Chris suggested to Ian that he re-start Track as a management led label.

A chain of events revolving around Jimi Hendrix business led to Ian connecting with Noel Redding and discussions which eventually led to Ian enquiring about unreleased archive music and the release of 'Live From Bunkr . Prague', a classy collection of great versions of some of rock's most memorable tunes.

Noel is now rooting out all his previously released material as well as unreleased recordings of the last 40 years from 1962 to the present day, including tracks from The Loving Kind, Fat Mattress and the Noel Redding Band, plus various songs written for the Jimi Hendrix Experience, for an upcoming anthology due on Track. He is currently working on a documentary of his life and has just completed a bass method book which is now ready for publication. Noel continues to keep his hand in live, regularly playing with John Coughlan (Status Quo) and Eric Bell (Thin Lizzy) in Ireland, and recently Jan Ackerman in Holland.

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