

# The Keith Reid Project

## THE COMMON THREAD



feat. **Keith Reid** (co-founder **Procol Harum**)

& **John Waite - CHRIS THOMPSON - SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY - TERRY REID**  
**STEVE BOOKER - BERNIE SHANAHAN - MICHAEL SAXELL - CHAZ JANKEL**

„**Damned good music**“ (Worldpress, UK)

„**13 brilliant songs**“ (Blogcritics, UK)

„**Timeless**“ (Rock It, Germany)

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### Songlist:

- 1 In God's Shadow  
(singer: John Waite)
- 2 You're The Voice  
(original version, singer: Chris Thompson)
- 3 The Heartbreak House  
(singer: Michael Saxell)
- 4 A Common Thread  
(singer: Southside Johnny)
- 5 Potters Field  
(singer: Bernie Shanahan)
- 6 Gold Fever  
(singer: John Waite)
- 7 Venus Exploding  
(singer: Bernie Shanahan)
- 8 The Only Monkey  
(singer: Chaz Jankel)
- 9 It Might Be Your Heart  
(singer: Chris Thompson)
- 10 Silver Town  
(singer: Steve Booker)
- 11 Ninety-Nine Degrees In The Shade  
(singer: Southside Johnny)
- 12 Too Close To Call  
(singer: Terry Reid)
- 13 Right About Now  
(singer: Steve Booker)

**Producer:** Keith Reid, Matt Noble

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For *The Keith Reid Project*, *Keith Reid* has gathered together a highly impressive group of singers and songwriters around him. The album *The Common Thread* has made a dream become reality, for these songs have accompanied *Keith*'s life like "a common thread".

In all, there are eight singers/songwriters to interpret *Keith Reid*'s lyrics and stories. There is *Chris Thompson* (the voice of *Manfred Mann*'s *Earth Band*) and *John Waite* (*Bad English*, *The Babys* and a very fine solo artist) – they are both among THE world's great voices of rock – having stamped their unique character on worldwide hits such as *Blinded By The Light* (*C. Thompson*), *Mr Wonderful and Missing You* (*J. Waite*). There is *Southside Johnny*, also known as "The Godfather Of New Jersey Sound", acknowledged by *Jon Bon Jovi* as "my reason for singing". And also, there is the legendary *Terry Reid*, who has firmly stamped his name in Rock history and continues to enjoy high status among music critics. Also, *Steve Booker*, producer & co-writer of *Duffy*'s current No. 1 hit *Mercy*, wrote and sings two songs on the album.

The achievement is a singer/songwriter album containing timeless beautiful rock music, tailor made for great voices. In the finest classic tradition, Rock, Pop & Folk are tied together harmoniously. Here and there you can find some Americana, Blues, Latin and Irish influences. Anyone between the ages of 8 and 80 in the mood for great handmade music should listen to *The Common Thread*.

Also: A very special rarity is the song *You're The Voice*, a worldwide hit by *John Farnham* in 1986, co-written by *Chris Thompson* & *Keith Reid*. *The Common Thread* contains the previously unreleased original version of *You're The Voice*, recorded by *Chris Thompson* himself in 1986.

## *The Creators*

### **Keith Reid:**

*Keith Reid* and *Gary Brooker* founded *Procol Harum* in 1967. From then on *Keith Reid*'s surreal lyrics defined the "intellectual identity" of the band. With the worldwide chartbreaker *A Whiter Shade Of Pale* *Brooker/Reid* created an all time rock classic. And with *Homburg*, *A Salty Dog*, *Conquistador*, *Pandora's Box*, *Grand Hotel*, and the *Live With The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra* album *Procol Harum* became one of Rocks defining bands. *Keith Reid* wrote all *Procol Harum* lyrics from 1967 until now. Besides *Bob Dylan* there is barely any artist, whose lyrics are as important for the songs' intentions as *Keith Reid*'s words are for the art of *Procol Harum*.



### **Chris Thompson:**



The Voice Of *Manfred Mann*'s *Earth Band* gave unmistakable identity to worldwide chart breakers like *Blinded By The Light* and *Davy's On The Road Again*. *Chris Thompson* worked with *Alan Parsons*, *Mike Oldfield*, *Sarah Brightman*, and has been extremely successful as a soloartist. *Thompson/Reid* co-wrote the song *You're The Voice*, a worldwide hit by *John Farnham* in 1986.

### **John Waite:**

No matter if *John Waite* performs as the singer of *Bad English*, *The Babys* or as a solo artist: His voice is unmistakable. With *Missing You* and *When I See You Smile*, *John Waite* climbed #1 of US Billboard Charts.



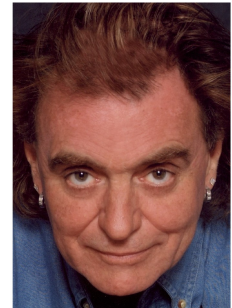


**Southside Johnny:**

By the mid 70s, *Southside Johnny* along with *Bruce Springsteen* defined the sound of *The New Jersey Sound Music Scene*. Consequently his early albums contain some songs written by *Bruce Springsteen*. *Southside* was rightly called “The Godfather Of New Jersey Sound”, and *Jon Bon Jovi* has acknowledged him as “my reason for singing”. In 1982, *Rolling Stone* voted his album *Hearts Of Stone* among the top 100 of the 70’s and 80’s. *Southside Johnny* has recorded over 20 albums.

**Terry Reid:**

One of the most remarkable voices in Rock. His career lasting over 40 years has seen many notable moments: His definitive early recording of *Season Of The Witch*; his great songs *Friends* and (the much covered) *Rich Kid Blues*, his famous classic album *The River*, and - one of *Keith’s* favourites - *The Fifth Of July*. He has toured with *The Rolling Stones*, *Jimi Hendrix*, *Jethro Tull* and *Fleetwood Mac*. His warm and emotional voice mark him among the greatest.



**Steve Booker:**

*Steve Booker* is an English singer, songwriter & producer. He is currently enjoying huge success with *Duffy*, having co-written and produced her No. 1 hit *Mercy*. He’s written music in Nashville and has had many of his songs recorded by some of Country Music’s biggest names. He has also received a *BMI Most Performed Song* award for the *Kinleys* hit *Somebody’s Out There Watching*. He also recorded with and produced artists such as *Natalie Imbruglia*, *Heather Small*, *Marti Pellow* and *Paul Young*.

**Bernie Shanahan:**

*Bernie Shanahan* signed his first major deal in 1989 with Atlantic Records. He is successfully working as a singer/songwriter and has worked with such artists as *Alice Cooper*, *Cher* and *Michael Bolton*.



**Chaz Jankel:**

Founder member of *Ian Dury And The Blockheads* and writer of all their chart hits in the British funk/new wave of the late 70s. Including *Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick*, *Reasons To Be Cheerful*, *Sweet Gene Vincent*, etc. Chaz Jankel is a solo artist and also writer for other artists (e.g. *Quincy Jones`* worldwide hit *Ai No Corrida*), as well as being a successful writer of film music (e.g. *Number One* from the film *Real Genius*.)

**Michael Saxell:**

Highly respected singer/songwriter. He has had more than 250 of his songs recorded by other artists such as *Randy Bachman* (*Bachman Turner Overdrive*) and *Eric Bazilian* (*The Hooters*).

