Paul Young Joins Status Quo In The Classic's Live Music Line-up

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- **Eighties chart-topper to headline on Friday evening**
- **Fleetwood Mac and ZZ Top tribute bands join the weekend party**
- **A classic win-win: classic racing plus classic rocking**

Iconic Eighties singer Paul Young will join legendary rockers Status Quo in this year's special live music line-up at the Silver Jubilee edition of the Silverstone Classic (24-26 July).

Young, who topped the UK charts for three weeks in 1983 with his seminal version of Marvin Gaye's '*Wherever I Lay My Hat',* will headline on Friday evening 24 hours before 'The Quo' take to the stage on Saturday.

As well as famously singing the opening and closing lines to the original Band Aid single *'Do they Know It's Christmas'*, Young enjoyed numerous top ten hits including *'Love of the Common People'*, *'I'm Going to Tear Your Playhouse Down'*, *'Come Back and Stay'* and *'Everytime You Go Away'*.

He also joined the surviving members of Queen for the Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert at Wembley Stadium, performed at Nelson Mandela's 70th Birthday Tribute and co-starred in a popular duet with Italian blues singer Zucchero, notably on the song '*Senza Una Donna'* which sold more than five million copies worldwide. Reprising that double act, Young will be performing with the O.I.& B. Zucchero tribute band at the Silverstone Classic.

The Friday evening bill will also include two other notable tribute bands: Fleetwood Bac and The ZZ Tops.

The former is regarded as the UK's most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute show and is endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself. They replicate the original band's *'Rumours'* line-up and so Silverstone can expect a rousing version of *'The Chain'*, the track now synonymous with the BBC's F1 coverage.

The ZZ Tops stay loyal to the renowned Texan boogie band with a three man cast, real beards and what they describe as a 'Hot Rodded Rock 'n' Roll' set – a certain crowd-pleaser for all the petrol-heads at the World's Biggest Classic Motor Racing Festival.

"As we are celebrating our 25th anniversary this year, we wanted some great live music for what's going to be an unbelievable birthday bash both on and off the race track," explained Nick Wigley, Event Director. "To have Status Quo and Paul Young performing will ensure the weekend party is totally unforgettable for everyone at Silverstone. Between them they have amassed more than 70 chart hits. And, remember, all our tickets include totally free admission to these truly classic concerts."

What's more those booking before the end of March can take advantage of Early Bird tickets offering significant savings of up to 15 per cent. Adult prices start at just £34 not only providing admission to the live music concerts – at no extra cost – but also to both race pits and paddock complexes, funfair rides, trackside grandstands plus a host of other top class attractions and entertainment.

Full details of all tickets (which must be purchased in advance) – as well as hospitality packages and weekend festival camping – can be found on the official www.silverstoneclassic.com website.

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Editor's notes: The Silverstone Classic – celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2015 – is firmly established as the World's Biggest Classic Motor Racing Festival with a record 1125 race entries in 2014 watched by a record crowd of 94,000. The spectacular event – winner of the prestigious 'Motorsport Event of the Year Award' as judged by the International Historic Motoring Awards in 2013 – is staged at the famous Silverstone circuit in Northamptonshire, birthplace of the FIA Formula One World Championship and home of the Formula 1 British Grand Prix. The three-day festival features the very best of historic racing covering more than eight decades of motor sport as well as live music from classic rock bands (topped by Status Quo in 2015) and a wealth of family entertainment. This includes free fun fair, retail outlets, a host of interactive activities, a two-day classic car auction and air displays, plus huge showcases of classic cars often celebrating important milestones in automotive history. In 2014 a record parade of 84 Grand

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