

Ken McCluskey



Ken McCluskey is frontman of popular Scottish band The Bluebells. They performed jangly guitar based pop not dissimilar to their Scottish contemporaries Aztec Camera and Orange Juice.[citation needed] They had three Top 40 hit singles in the UK – "I'm Falling", "Cath", and their biggest success "Young at Heart". The last was co-written with Siobhan Fahey of Bananarama (originally recorded on the Bananarama album Deep Sea Skiving) and violinist Bobby Valentino, and made it to number 8 in the UK Singles Chart on its original release in 1984. The band also released one EP, The Bluebells, and one full-length album, Sisters.

The band split up in the mid 1980s, but enjoyed an unexpected revival in 1993 when "Young at Heart" was used in a Volkswagen television advertisement. Re-issued as a single, it was number one for four weeks and led to the band reforming temporarily to perform the song on BBC Television's Top of the Pops. A compilation album followed, The Singles Collection, which peaked at No. 27 in the UK Albums Chart in April 1993.

Ken regularly performs as part of a duo alongside his sibling and fellow Bluebell, David McCluskey. In addition, The Bluebells play a number of dates including festivals throughout the year. In 2018, they performed at Linlithgow's Party At The Palace amongst others.

Ken is now head lecturer of the HNC/HND in Music Business in Glasgow Kelvin College, formally known as Stow College. Alongside Douglas McIntyre, he founded the college's in house label Electric Honey Records in 1992. The label was famously described as 'the most successful student-run label in the world' by Uncut Magazine.

The label has homed releases from the likes of Snow Patrol, Biffy Clyro, Belle & Sebastien, Be Charlotte, Pronto Mama, Apache Sun and so many more. Electric Honey Records has become well recognised and celebrated both in Glasgow and Scotland in general. It has developed a number of now full time music industry professionals working in Scotland, across Europe and the world.

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