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Simply Red to Star at Bedgebury

One of the most popular bands of the past 25 years, Simply Red, has announced a series of dates in spectacular woodland locations next summer as part of Forestry Commission Live Music.

Fronted by the unmistakable Mick Hucknall, a catalogue of hit singles like *Holding Back The Years*, *Something Got Me Started*, *If You Don't Know Me By Now*, *For Your Babies*, *Fairground*, *Angel*, *Sunrise* and *Every Time We Say Goodbye* established Simply Red's superstar status across the globe. Classic albums like *Picture Book*, *A New Flame*, *Stars*, *Blue* and *Home* formed part of the record collection for a whole generation.

Commenting on the concerts, Mick Hucknall for Simply Red said, "As we had such fun performing a solo forest show at Westonbirt Arboretum this year, we decided it would be great to play all the forest concert venues around the country in 2010. It is a fantastic experience for a band to play in these unique settings".

Simply Red will be performing at Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest, nr Goudhurst, Kent on Saturday 12th June 2010.

Forestry Commission Live Music pays for itself and any profit generated goes back into improving woodlands for both wildlife and the public to enjoy.

Tickets at £38.00 (subject to booking fee) go on sale at 9.00am Friday 6th November 2009 from ticket hotline 01842 814612 or online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music or from Bedgebury Visitor Centre.

www.simplyred.com & www.myspace.com/simplyred
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Notes to Editors

1. **Forestry Commission Live Music** takes place each summer in seven forest locations around the country. Woodland clearings are temporarily transformed into a concert arena creating a safe and relaxed atmosphere for gig-goers.
2. **The Forestry Commission** manages 19% of the country's woods and forests. In England, more than 50% of the population live within 10km of a Forestry Commission managed wood or forest.
3. **Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest** is the perfect place for healthy outdoor activity. The National Pinetum is the world's leading collection of conifers and a beautiful setting for walks and picnics. Bedgebury Forest features family cycling, mountain biking, Go Ape, riding, walking, archery and adventure play for all ages and abilities.

