

Throwback: Simply Red-Thrill Me (MAW Remix)



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Simply Red is a Manchester, England based R&B band that emerged in 1985 as an outgrowth of the punk group The Frantic Elevators. Mick Hucknall was a member of the Elevators and after their dissolution he partnered with manager Elliot Rashman to put together a new band. *Picture Book* was Simply Red's crisp debut album commercially elevated by the Valentine Brothers' ["Money's Too Tight \(Too Mention\)"](#) and a re-recording of The Frantic Elevators' ["Holding Back The Years"](#) that carried them to the mainstream. Hucknall became one of the most distinct blue-eyed soul singers from the UK alongside George Michael and Jay Kay of Jamiroquai. During this peak period they released four more albums; *Men and Women*, *A New Flame*, *Stars* and *Life*. They amassed a discography of singles that turned Simply Red into an enduring bastion of soul including ["Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye,"](#) ["It's Only Love,"](#) ["If You Don't Know Me By Now,"](#) ["Something Got Me Started"](#) and ["Stars"](#) being the most popular US releases. "Thrill Me" is from the 1995 album *Stars* which was the best-selling album in the UK in 1991 and 1992. Masters At Work's remix of "Thrill Me" is considered one of their best additions to dance music's golden era. ["Fairground"](#) in 1995 was their first number one British hit and it helped the *Life* album achieve another platinum certification for the band. A greatest hits project came out in 1996 with a cover of Aretha Franklin's ["Angel"](#) co-produced by The Fugees. *Blue* and the *Love and the Russian Winter* albums were not as big as previous successes garnering modest attention for ["The Air That I Breathe"](#) and ["Say You Love Me."](#) *Home* was their first album on Hucknall's Simplyred.com label and it did well because of ["Sunrise,"](#) ["You](#)

[Make Me Feel Brand New,](#) ["Fake"](#) and ["Home."](#) *Simplified* and *Stay* was their last studio albums before Hucknall decided to do a farewell tour in 2009-2010. He released his first solo album, *Tribute To Bobby* in 2008. Hucknall received an honorary doctorate from the University of Manchester this year and his second solo album [American Soul](#) will be released on October 29th.