

# Jimmy Somerville

80s pop singer (Bronski Beat and The Communards)

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## About

Glaswegian born Jimmy Somerville first shot to fame back in 1984 with groundbreaking band Bronski Beat. Smalltown Boy, their debut single, made the top three in Britain and was a huge hit all over Europe. Bronski Beat went on to have several lively pop dance hits including Why? (No. 6) and a cover of former gay icon Donna Summer's I Feel Love (No. 3), on which they joined forces with Marc Almond.

With Richard Coles he formed The Communards, who spawned the No. 1 classic cover hit Don't Leave Me This Way, followed by So Cold The Night (No. 8) and Never Can Say Goodbye (No. 4), the former of which was the biggest selling single of 1986 and spent 4 weeks at the top of the charts.

Jimmy then embarked on a solo career which saw him chalk up more hits including another stirring disco cover of Sylvester's You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) (No. 5), To Love Somebody (No. 8) and Françoise Hardy's Comment Te Dire Adieu, a duet in French with June Miles (No. 14). Jimmy has also collaborated on singles with the Weathergirls and Sparks.

His 2015 album *Homage*, a true 'disco' album was released to wide critical acclaim. A release of extended mixes and remixes from *Homage* called *Club Homage* accompanied it. A rare live acoustic album emerged in 2016 of Jimmy's live performance at Stella Polaris Festival in Denmark, recorded the previous summer. New and old songs re-invented for a one-off acoustic show.

## Performance

Jimmy Somerville performs his solo hits as well as the many hits he had with his two hugely successful bands - Bronski Beat & The Communards.

## Video



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