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From the Author

The Ghosts Of A Whiter Shade of Pale is a chronological account of Procol Harum. All the key players are interviewed and celebrity fans come in the shape of Jimmy Page and Pete Brown (of Cream) alongside an exclusive from record producer Chris Thomas. The book's Foreword comes from Martin Scorsese with an Introduction from Sir Alan Parker and an Afterword by award winning author and screenwriter Sebastian Faulks.

THE AUTHOR

Author Henry Scott-Irvine has a background in music and arts documentaries as well as presenting and producing a weekly radio show for Resonance 104.4 fm London. His TV/DVD programme credits include Punk Attitude, Elton At 60, Classic Albums, Status Quo The Party Ain't Over Yet, John Lennon Night, Madonna Night, Michael Jackson Night, Music Of The Millennium aka The Top 100 Albums, and The Top 40 TV Music Moments, amongst others. Henry is now writing another book and is hoping to get some music documentaries funded.

About the Author

Henry Scott-Irvine first saw Procol Harum in 1973 and has known the band since 1979. he coordinated "Procol Harum Live in Concert with the London Symphony Orchestra" at London's Barbican Theatre in 1996, and co-hosted the band's 30th anniversary concert at the Redhill Theatre in 1997. He has been writing, researching and developing TV programming for over 25 years. This is his first book.

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