

# FM

In the summer of 1984 singer **Steve Overland** and his brother, guitarist **Chris** (both formerly of Wildlife) teamed up with drummer **Pete Jupp** (ex Wildlife and Samson) and bassist **Merv Goldsworthy** (ex Diamond Head and Samson) to form **FM**. Joined by the keyboard talents of **Didge Digital**, by December that year they had secured a recording contract with CBS/Portrait and the band headed to Germany for a run of dates with Meat Loaf.

Further tours with Tina Turner, Foreigner and Gary Moore built up the momentum. On 8 September 1986 FM released their debut album **INDISCREET** (featuring the hugely popular single "Frozen Heart") to great critical acclaim and the year ended on a high with FM supporting the white-hot Bon Jovi on their "Slippery When Wet" tour.

For the next nine years FM consolidated their position at the forefront of British melodic rock, touring extensively as headliners and also joining bands such as Status Quo and Whitesnake on tours to promote releases such as 1989's **TOUGH IT OUT** album; **TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS** released in 1991 (with **Andy Barnett** on guitar replacing the now-departed Chris Overland); **APHRODISIAC** in 1992 and what was to be their 'final' album, 1995's **DEAD MAN'S SHOES** with new recruit **Jem Davis** (Tobruk, UFO) on keyboards.

In 2007 - after a 12 year sabbatical - FM were persuaded to return to the stage for a 'one-off' headline performance at a sold-out Firefest IV at Nottingham Rock City.

The rapturous reception from the fans at Firefest led to FM quickly making the decision to record a new album and following a return to Firefest in 2009, in March 2010 FM released their much-anticipated sixth studio album **METROPOLIS** with **Jim Kirkpatrick** replacing Andy Barnett on lead guitar.

FM haven't stopped since... Headline tours both in the UK and overseas, Special Guest slots touring with Foreigner, Journey, Thin Lizzy, Heart, Saxon and Skid Row; festival appearances including Download, Planet Rockstock, Sweden Rock, Graspop, Steelhouse Festival, Frontiers Rock Festival, Hard Rock Hell and Ramblin' Man Fair, and in 2018 their first-ever live show in the US at Melodic Rock Fest 5.

When not touring, FM have been busy in the studio and since their 2010 'comeback' album they have released 2013's double helping of **ROCKVILLE** and **ROCKVILLE II; HEROES AND VILLAINS** in 2015 and **ATOMIC GENERATION** in 2018 along with **INDISCREET 30** - a new 2016 recording of FM's classic debut album to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its release - and THE ITALIAN JOB live DVD/CD.

2020 brings FM's first Australian tour in March followed by the release of the band's twelfth studio album **SYNCHRONIZED** on 10 April via Frontiers Music S.r.l. and UK tour dates.

## Band line-up:

Steve Overland (vocals, guitar) / Merv Goldsworthy (bass) / Pete Jupp (drums)  
Jem Davis (keyboards) / Jim Kirkpatrick (guitar)