



Whether it was working with the Small Faces, The Faces and Rod Stewart, or touring with his own travelling rock 'n' roll circus, The Passing Show, Ronnie Lane was a one-of-a-kind musician and songwriter. He embarked on the last stage of his career shortly after leaving the Faces, forming the band Slim Chance, writing some of his finest songs and recording several remarkable albums.

As time goes by, Ronnie Lane's legacy as a musician and writer has become more widely recognized. In 2019 Universal Records released the box set , 'Just for a Moment', devoted to his post-Faces music, and in 2023 Omnibus Press published a comprehensive biography, entitled 'Anymore for Anymore' (named after the first Slim Chance album). Testimony to the value of Ronnie's life and work is the fact that his band are still touring the country, delighting fans and enjoying playing together in the spirit that Ronnie championed.

2024 will be the year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Passing Show and the band will be celebrating in style. Three original members - Steve Bingham (bass), Charlie Hart (accordion and fiddle) and Steve Simpson (guitar and mandolin) – ably aided and abetted by Frank Mead (sax, harp and whistle), Brendan O'Neill (drums), and Geraint Watkins (keys). Between them they have worked with Paul McCartney, Rory Gallagher, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, BBKing, Geno Washington, Bill Wyman, Ian Dury, Nick Lowe and many more.

The band's set consists of many of Mr. Lane's classic songs: Ooh La La, Debris, How Come, One for the Road, The Poacher and more. The band is known for the high quality of musicianship, and features acoustic instruments such as accordion, fiddle, mandolin and Irish whistle alongside the traditional rock and roll line up of bass, drums, electric guitar etc.

The rebirth of Slim Chance is a phenomenon in itself and the band has received many great reviews. "Original Chancers Steve Bingham, Charlie Hart and Steve Simpson convincingly recreate Ronnie's uniquely ruralised, soul-and-groove brand of folk-rock". (Uncut)";

"Richly garnished by fiddles, bottleneck and accordion, the rejuvenated Slim Chance seem to be emerging with a rough-shod, rollicking sound of their own..... the party is already in full swing" (Record Collector)

BLOGS

STEVE SIMPSON vocals, guitar, mandolin and fiddle.

Steve has worked with Frankie Miller, Eric Bibb, Roger Chapman, Joe Brown and played on *Ronnie Lane's Slim Chance, One for the Road* and *See Me*.

www.stevesimpsonguitar.com/

CHARLIE HART vocals, fiddle, accordion and keys.

Charlie has played with Pete Brown, Ian Dury, Eric Clapton, Alexis Korner and worked on *Ronnie Lane's Slim Chance, One for the Road, Rough Mix, See Me, Rockpalast*.

www.charliehart.com/

STEVE BINGHAM vocals and bass.

Steve has played with the Foundations, Geno Washington, Colin Blunstone and worked on *Anymore for Anymore*, played bass on *The Poacher* and toured with the Passing Show.

stevebingham.blogspot.com/

BRENDAN O'NEILL, drums.

Brendan has played with Rory Gallagher, Nine Below Zero, Glen Tilbrook and Steve Marriott.

www.facebook.com/brendanoneilldrummer/

GERAINT WATKINS vocals and keys.

Geraint has played with Carl Perkins, Nick Lowe, Van Morrison, Bill Wyman; released his own albums and joined Slim Chance for the 2004 Ronnie Lane Albert Hall concert.

www.geraintwatkins.com

FRANK MEAD, sax, flute, harmonica, percussion.

Frank has played with Gary Brooker, Albert Collins, Gary Moore, Bill Wyman

www.frankmead.com

BILLY NICHOLLS, vocals, mandolin and acoustic guitar.

Billy is a very successful songwriter and has worked extensively with The Who as a singer and musical director. His first solo album on Immediate Records features the Small Faces.

www.billynicholls.com/

JIM RUSSELL drums.

Jim has worked with Bob Geldof, Elvis Costello, Scotty Moore, The Human League, Paul Young and Los Pacaminos. Jim played drums on the reformed band's third album [On The Move](#) and much of [The Phoenix Tapes](#).

ALUN DAVIES, acoustic guitar, vocals

Ex Cat Stevens, Ralph McTell, Mark Almond etc. Played on the band's first album, 'The Show goes On' and also the Phoenix Tapes.

NB: Slim Chance is now essentially a collective. The first 6 players appear on most gigs, but are joined by Billy Nicholls when he is not with the Who, and sometimes by Alun Davies; also by the talented Jim Russell on drums.

LINKS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Slim Chance:

- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thebandslimchance/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SlimChanceOfficial>
- Facebook Slim Chance Official Fan Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489387561074164>
- Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/SlimChanceMusic>

Ronnie Lane Fan/Official:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialRonnieLane>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ronnielanerecords/>
- Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/RonnieLaneFans>

VIDEO

- **The Poacher**
https://youtu.be/Gox_OOE71JA
- **Flossie Lane**
https://youtu.be/0VN0tj_kOvQ

Live at Wickham Festival

- **One for the Road**
<https://youtu.be/lGfiAGUoTMY?feature=shared>
- **Ooh La La**
https://youtu.be/ys5_IVhzQy0?feature=shared

Live at Half Moon Putney

- **Anniversary**
<https://youtu.be/WtAsRZCfSjg>
- **Let's Go Home**
<https://youtu.be/xlrb0wvqiI8>
- **Duncan and Brady**
<https://youtu.be/JHoUING7aSM>

AUDIO

- **Remix of 'Traveller's Joy', taken from 'The Phoenix Tapes', featuring Pete Townshend**
<https://open.spotify.com/album/12HOB7PUB5pTDDm3LUIeyi>
- **Anniversary from Phoenix Tapes**
<https://youtu.be/pOEGIUmWm8w>

Images





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SLIM CHANCE SHORT INFO

All star lineup playing the fabulous songbook of ex-Small Faces and Faces man, Ronnie Lane. Between them the band have worked with Paul McCartney, Rory Gallagher, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, BBKing, Geno Washington, Bill Wyman, Ian Dury, Nick Lowe and many more.

They play together with a shared love of what Ronnie Lane stood for and of songs such as Ooh La La, How Come, Debris, The Poacher, One for the Road. The band includes three original members, two of whom are multi-instrumentalists. The party is already in full swing

RECORDINGS

Since reforming in 2010 the band has released 4 albums and a single on their own label Fishpool Records, distributed by Cargo, available from usual sources and the band's website.



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