

## Phil Bates 'Up Close & Personal' UK Solo Tour 2023 & 2024

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This is the most up-to-date list of 2023 concerts I have collated from links already posted to make it easier for fans to find details (it is not an official gigs list so please double check with venues before booking tickets, travel, hotels, etc).

Official gig details can be found at Acoustic Shock Tamworth Facebook Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091445052376>

"In 1993, Phil Bates met up with old friend Kelly Groucutt, who had been ELO bassist, resulting in Bates joining ELO Part 2, replacing Pete Haycock and Neil Lockwood. ELO Part 2 took the music of ELO around the world, often playing with symphony orchestras in large venues around the globe. Extensive touring in Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Chile, US, Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, South Africa, UK followed ... until 1999, when Bates quit to spend more time with his family, and to study for a degree.

### Solo work and recent career

After supporting his studies with all manner of gigs, stints in call centres, and a period as a bookseller in Hay-on-Wye, Bates graduated from the University of Wales in 2003 with a History BA Hons. The solo albums 'Naked' and 'Agony & Ecstasy' were released in 1996 and 1998, plus tours of the UK and Germany with Mik Kaminski. Two further solo albums, Alter Ego (2003) and One Sky (2005) followed. All released on Bates's own labels, DPP, and latterly Essential Music. A compilation CD Retrospectiv, also on Essential, was released in 2007.

After leaving ELO Part 2, Bates became a member of the Eleanor Rigby Experience, along with Andy Bole, Maartin Allcock, Clive Bunker and Tina McBain, who released 2 CDs and toured extensively in the UK. A short stint with The Bev Bevan Band and "Bev Bevan's Move" followed (2003/2005), along with the formation in the same year of German-based band, ELB (Electric Light Band). In 2007, Bates rejoined his old mates from ELO Part 2 in The Orchestra (featuring members of ELO and Part 2).

In 2008, Bates formed the Beatles, Blues and Blue Violin project (BBBV) with Mik Kaminski and Tina McBain, resulting in a tour, and the 2010 BBBV album.

In 2022 and 2023, Phil Bates is still gigging extensively with his "Tribute to ELO" throughout Europe as "Phil Bates and Band". He has often appeared live on German, Swiss and Polish TV playing ELO songs."

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – The Old Bank House, Tamworth

<https://stagestubs.com/acoustic-shock-tamworth/up-close-and-personal-with-ex-elo-ii-frontman-phil-bates?>

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - Chapel Arts Centre, Bath

<https://chapelarts.org/events/former-elo-2-frontman-phil-bates-up-close-and-personal-solo-uk-tour/>

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Clyro Village Hall

<https://www.clyrovillagehall.co.uk/>

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Red Rose Theatre, Rugeley

<https://stagestubs.com/acoustic-shock-tamworth/phil-bates-up-close-and-personal-plus-support>

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - The Six Six Bar, 170 East Road, Cambridge CB1 1DB  
<https://www.thesixsixbars.com/>

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Woolton Village Club, 23 Allerton Rd, Woolton, Liverpool L25 7RA  
<https://wooltonvillageclub.co.uk/>

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - The Robin, Bilston  
[https://therobin.co.uk/js\\_events/phil-bates-elo-2/](https://therobin.co.uk/js_events/phil-bates-elo-2/)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Barnoldswick Music and Arts Centre  
<https://www.barnoldswickmusicandartscentre.com/>

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 – The Keys Restaurant, Huddersfield  
<https://togo.uk.com/voucherpurchase.aspx?venueid=165&hp=NOEKGHON>

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 - Alexander's Jazz Bar, Chester  
<https://alexanderslive.seetickets.com/event/phil-bates-of-elo2/alexander-s-live/2717973>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Hogarths, Tamworth  
<https://www.facebook.com/HogarthsTamworth>

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Churchill Studio, Churchill Theatre, Bromley  
<https://churchilltheatre.co.uk/Online/default.asp>

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – OSCA, Owen Street Community Arts, Atherstone  
<https://stagestubs.com/acoustic-shock-tamworth/up-close-and-personal-with-phil-bates>

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 – Skipton Castle, The Bailey, Skipton BD23 1AW  
<https://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/index.asp?page=1>

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 – Sky Bar, The Lake View Bar, Grill & Carvery, Glebe Road, Bowness-On-Windermere, Cumbria  
<https://www.lakeviewbar.co.uk/live-entertainment/>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Login Lounge, 34 Park Street, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3PL  
<https://loginlounge.co.uk/>

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Trinity Theatre, Church Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1JP  
01892 678678 to book tickets  
<https://www.trinitytheatre.net/>

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – The Ship Inn, Low Newton-by-the-Sea, Alnwick NE66 3EL  
<http://www.shipinnnewton.co.uk/>

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 – Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Derby  
<https://melbourneassemblyrooms.co.uk/>

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Arts Centre, Herbert St, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4ED  
<https://pontardaweartscentre.com/>

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Southwold Arts Centre, St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Road,  
Southwold IP18 6JP  
<https://southwoldartscentre.co.uk/>