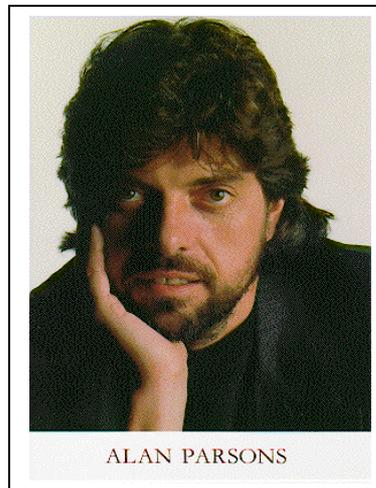


The Alan Parsons Project

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The Alan Parsons Project is a British progressive rock band which was created in 1975 by Alan Parsons and his friend Eric Woolfson. It was active between 1975 and 1987.

In 1975, Alan Parsons was a sound engineer, maybe the best of the second half of the 20th century. When he was a little boy he was really talented, and he learned to play the piano, the guitar and the flute very fast. His passion for music was so big, and his talent brought him to work with incredible mythic rock bands like Pink Floyd, and even The Beatles. He was the assistant of the band when they produced the album *Abbey Road*.



As a curiosity, at the last public appearance of the Beatles on the roof of a building in London, while they were performing "Get Back", Parsons was doing some work as the sound engineer. With all his success, he decided to start his own musical business. He met Eric Woolfson in a studio in London, and they became friends very fast, because Eric was a very good composer and also a singer. They decided to create the band together. Each one contributed in the band in a different way: Parsons as the producer, engineer and composer, and Woolfson as the vocalist and composer. They also were surrounded by some famous singers, who were the vocalists in his songs. They didn't have the same singer for all the songs. Most of the time, the singers just produced a song and then left. But a singer which I have to highlight is Andrew Powell, a friend of the band who produced some more songs.

In fact, the band got quite famous and they produced a lot of musically impeccable LPs, like his first one: *Tales Of Mystery And Imagination*, or *I Robot* and *The turn of A Friendly Card*. These ones were the most perfect LPs of the band, but soon they were also producing some commercial songs, which were very famous in the 80's, although they weren't the best: like *Eye in the Sky*, *Don't answer Me* and *Games People Play*. In fact, this band became the pioneer of Progressive Rock because of their first and second LPs.



In 1987 the band broke and Alan continued his musical career, but he was only Alan Parsons (not *Project*). He produced more LP's, whereas Eric Woolfson died in 2009. Alan is 74 years old and he's still producing and playing. Every two years he changes his music because, I think he is looking for a successor.

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