

The Steps are back! Live nation have officially confirmed this morning that Steps will be heading back out on the road in 2012 for a string of UK concerts as part of The Ultimate Tour, with tickets going on general release on Friday. Presales promos CLICK HERE

**Note:** On the Ticketmaster link it provides a contact to get the presale ticket password:

This presale offer is open to customers in the UK and Ireland only. No album purchase necessary; to enter please contact Sony Music directly at http://www.myplaydirect.com/steps/contact/new Ticketmaster cannot guarantee access to the presale when contacting Sony Music due to the timed nature of the offer. This offer does not guarantee tickets. Limited tickets available. Offer subject to availability

## STEPS Ultimate Tour Dates - April 2012

2nd - Odyssey Arena, Belfast

3rd - O2 Arena, Dublin

4th - Liverpool Echo Arena, Liverpool

6th - SECC, Glasgow

7th – Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre, Aberdeen

8th - Metro Radio Arena Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne

10th - M.E.N. Arena, Manchester

11th - Capital FM Arena, Nottingham

12th - LG Arena Birmingham, Birmingham

13th - Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff

15th - Motorpoint Arena, Sheffield

16th - Bournemouth International Centre (BIC), Bournemouth

17th – Brighton Centre, Brighton

19th – O2, London

Click H ERE for tickets on Ticketmaster UK
Check out The Ultimate Steps official fan club site

Steps are a British pop group created by manager Tim Byrne and writers Steve Crosby and Barry Upton, consisting of members Lee Latchford-Evans, Claire Richards, Lisa Scott-Lee, Faye

Tozer, and Ian "H" Watkins. Formed on 6 May 1997, Steps recorded a total of three studio albums, two compilation albums, released sixteen singles throughout their career. Hailed as the ABBA of the 1990s, their musical approach throughout the course of their career had a strong 1990s pop sound, similar to many artists of their time. Their name was based around a simple marketing gimmick: each of their music videos was choreographed, and the dance steps were included with most of their single releases.

Over the five years they were together, Steps achieved a series of charting singles between 1997 and 2001 including 2 number one singles in the UK, 2 number one albums in the UK, 14 consecutive top 5 singles in the UK and a string of hits throughout Europe. The group have sold over 20 million records and 2 million concert tickets worldwide in addition to acquiring a BRIT Award nomination in 1999 for Best Newcomer while supporting Britney Spears on the UK leg of her tour the same year. However, when group members Clare Richards and Ian "H" Watkins departed the group, the group disbanded on 26 December 2001. Their penultimate single reached number-five in the UK charts while their final album of greatest hits, Gold (2001), scored the band their second number one album in the UK.