

# HELP!

**I'M STUCK IN A LIFT...  
WITH A GLITTERBALL,  
TWO MUSICIANS AND A  
COUPLE PERFORMING  
serge gainsbourg  
DUETS!**



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## Synopsis

A tribute to the late, great Serge Gainsbourg this show will bring to life his music and lyrical genius, sadly often missed by a British audience. Some of his most exquisite pieces were his superbly crafted duets inspired by his relationships with various muses. Here we explore a few of them. He effortlessly reflects the tensions, passion and above all the comedy that exists in relationships.

After a stormy row with Brigitte Bardot when she threatened to end their relationship he went home to write the classic **Bonnie & Clyde** and **Je t'aime (moi non plus)**. Her husband banned the release of the single and demanded an end to their affair.

He then met the beautiful English rose Jane Birkin, for whom **Je T'aime...** became a hit. Jane was the love of his life, and their relationship was the food for his masterpiece **Melody Nelson**, which has just begun to be appreciated by musicians outside France such as Beck and David Holmes. Despite the notoriety of Je t'aime, it was **La Decadanse** which stands as the most darkly sexual of all his songs.

In the 80's he produced one of the first ever Electro records - **Lemon Incest**, which he wrote for his daughter by Jane, Charlotte, which caused scandal due to the play on the words of Lemon Zest. This track also caused musical outrage having bastardised Chopin's Opus 10 No. 3 in E major!

With glitter ball, soft disco lights, four performers in 70's dinner suits and evening dresses, what better environment than a lift to explore the intimate, kitsch, comic, and deeply sensual world of the French legend.

Songs will be performed by two members of the cult pop band **Electronic Eye Machine; Peter Brewis** (guitar and percussion) and **Laura Staniland** (keyboards). **Fiona Staniland** and **Toby Mace** will sing.