



## 5 things you never knew about Kelsey

### #1

*Kelsey's roots lie with some true classics...*

Bill Kelsey, the original founder, created Pink Floyd's PA rig in the early 70's together with Dave Martin (of Martin Audio fame). He is also credited as one of the early pioneers of the mixing console as we know it today. The older RSD consoles were built based on one of his early designs. His consoles had 3 band EQ and modular channels and were a good alternative if you couldn't afford a Midas!

### #2

*The legend – Richard Vickers*

Richard Vickers, Kelsey's MD up until 1998 when he sadly died, appeared on Top of the Pops when aged just 17. He used to be guitar tech for Greg Lake of Emerson Lake and Palmer and also worked with 70's bands King Crimson and Blondie. King Crimson's 2002 album release "Live in Hyde Park 1969" was dedicated to him and he was one of the sound consultants for Live Aid!

### #3

*Kelsey - Early days...*

Kelsey was originally based in Notting Hill when Richard Vickers purchased the then "Kelsey-Morris" from Bill Kelsey and Jim Morris (Jimi Hendrix's sound tech) in 1978. At the time, the company was producing PA systems, mixers and making their first forays into complex cable solutions.

### #4

*Older geezers*

Current Staff: Our warehouse guy, Bob Jeffery used to work at Kelsey in the early days and before that was a roadie for Paul Weller's Style Council. Baz March, one of our workshop cable techs has also been with Kelsey since 1994.

### #5

*Kelsey knows a thing or two about studios*

A great many high-profile studios in the heart of London (such as the world famous Abbey Road) are wired using Kelsey cable and connectors and Kelsey were responsible for the audio and video systems installed in the International Petroleum Exchange near Tower Bridge.