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## Harris and Parfitt team up for some festive Rick 'n' Rolf

When most of us are wrapped up against the cold, Rolf Harris and Rick Parfitt are not dreaming of a White Christmas but rather just the opposite! Their exuberant brand new Christmas single captures the joy of sun, surf and golden beaches. The iconic duo have teamed up to create 'Christmas In the Sun' which was written by Rolf who was inspired to ask Rick to record it with him. The track is released as a single by UMTV on 7 December and also features on the UMTV 3CD compilation album 'It's Christmas Time' which is released on 23 November.

The single also boasts a truly memorable video featuring Rick 'n' Rolf performing the song in the blazing sunshine! Rolf is really delighted with the results achieved in the studio by himself, Rick, guitarist Wayne Morris and producer Wolfgang Birnbacher. "What a team! They came up with musical surprises and guitar rhythms that sent shivers up and down my spine. These guys have given me everything I wanted - a positive, hard-driving sound, lively and bouncing with good times, laughter and tons of fun. I couldn't ask for more! Take a listen, and you'll want to join all of us for a 'Christmas In The Sun'". 40 years on from 'Two Little Boys', Rolf is aiming for a UK number one again!

Rick Parfitt too believes that 'Christmas In the Sun' is destined to become a festive classic. "Forget Rock 'n' Roll, this is Rick 'n' Rolf! This is a great track that will be playing for years to come."

The single was inspired by Rolf's memories of growing up in Western Australia in the 1930s, where the Christmas Day ritual was midday lunch of hot roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by steaming Christmas Pudding and custard. All exactly as they would have eaten back in 'the Mother Country'. The trouble was that the temperature was usually over 104 degrees Fahrenheit, with the perspiration dripping off your nose into the potatoes.

Rolf has wanted for years to let the world know about Christmas 'down under' where the sun blazes and everyone heads to the beach, with salads, cold food and chilled drinks. This is Rolf and Rick's happy anthem to a very special 'Christmas In The Sun'. I know it's only Rick 'n' Rolf but I like it!

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