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## **Somewhere Outside - An hour with The Barracudas**

Vocalist **Jeremy Gluck** and guitarist **Robin Wills** talk to **Jim Guynan** about their lives in surf punk outfit **The Barracudas**.

Formed in London in 1978, and famed for their huge summer hit *Summer Fun*, **The Barracudas** were forerunners of the capital's psychedelic scene but managed to avoid its frilly, new romantic excesses and carve out a much darker niche for themselves.

Taking musical cues from the likes of **The Stooges**, **The MC5**, **The Ramones**, **The Who** and **The Seeds** and blending them with punk, sugary surf harmonies and glam rock marbling they arrived at a distinctive sound.

Gluck's Canadian drawl and Wills' love of west coast jangle and his encyclopaedic record collection gave them an authenticity lacking in other bands on the scene.

Eighteen months of solid gigging led to their debut album **Drop Out**. It produced the singles *I Can't Pretend*, the Phil Spector-esque *His Last Summer*, the killer (*I Wish It Could Be*) *1965 Again* and summer anthem *Summer Fun*.

This one hour special plots the bands rise to success, their influences, their battles with record companies and the various line ups that have carried them towards their 40th anniversary. This will be celebrated at **The Pump It Up Power Pop Festival** at The Finsbury in London **28th and 29th of July**.

For more information on the band and their forthcoming live dates please visit **The Barracudas "Drop Out" Club on Facebook**.