



## Tom Robinson

### Songwriter & Broadcaster

*"A renowned musician and LGBT activist"*

Tom Robinson's music career began in London with the acoustic trio Café Society, whose eponymous 1975 album was produced by Ray Davies of The Kinks. Tom first became known in the late 1970s as a LGBT activist with the Tom Robinson Band (TRB) who were early supporters of Rock Against Racism and Amnesty International.

#### TOPICS:

- Motivation
- Diversity
- Creativity
- Music

#### IN DETAIL:

Tom Robinson Band's Top 5 debut release 2-4-6-8 Motorway became one of the landmark singles of the UK punk era. Other hits included *Glad To Be Gay*, *Up Against The Wall* and the band's debut album *Power In The Darkness* which went gold in the UK and Japan. As a solo artist Tom had further solo hits in 1983 and co-wrote songs with Peter Gabriel, Elton John and Dan Hartman. Between 1992-1996 Tom's career as a radio broadcaster began to take off. Tom went on to host programmes on all eight of the BBC's national radio stations and win two gold Sony Academy Radio Awards. He was on the founding team for BBC Radio 6 Music when it launched in 2002. Tom currently hosts shows on 6 Music and hosts his own music blog for independent artists at Fresh On The Net.

#### LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

#### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Tom Robinson is a musician with a message, demonstrating the power one voice can have in today's socially driven world. Tom will inspire audiences and provide many first-hand experiences from his extensive career.

#### HOW HE PRESENTS:

An unconventional personality, Tom delivers an entertaining and captivating address to a wide range of international audiences.