

# Nektar: unveils new Drummer on upcoming album “Mission To Mars”

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UK prog legends Nektar will play their UK and EWurope show at this year's Nene Valley Rock Festival in September.....



(Photo by Jay Petsko)

Prog rock legends **Nektar** have announced that they will release their latest album, *Mission To Mars*, through the Deko Entertainment label on June 30.

The upcoming album sees drummer [Jay Dittamo](#) making his debut after the original founding member / drummer: **Ron Howden who sadly died in September 2023, aged 78**, and joins the current line-up of original member Derek “Mo” Moore (bass) with Ryche Chlanda (guitars), Kendall Scott (keyboards) and Maryann Castillo (backing vocalist).

With New Digital Visuals crafted by Jay Petsko under the mentoring of Mick Brockett....

The album features four lengthy tracks which the band say, "cover all of the prog rock bases while venturing into some new melodic territories."



## Nektar: Mission To Mars

1. Mission To Mars
2. Long Lost Sunday
3. One Day Hi One Day Lo
4. I'll Let You In



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