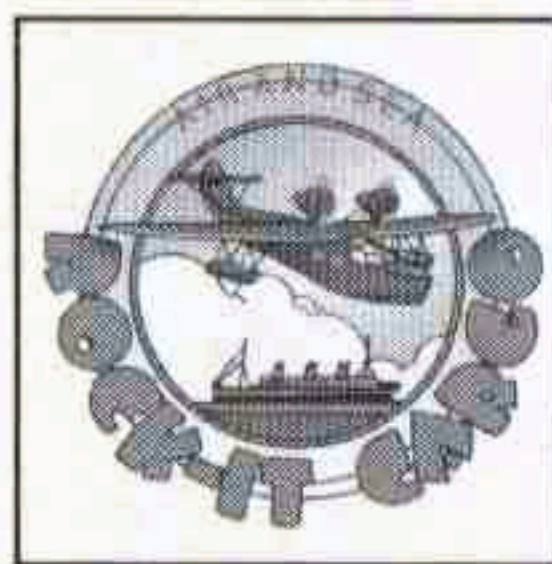




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ANDY COTTON

After starting his professional life in the military and, later, the Police Force, the big man began his live production career by producing charity events with friends. One event led to a fateful meeting with the touring version of The Commitments (the movie band line-up) and after two shows he was asked to become their manager, leading to five years of solid worldwide touring.

Andy then set up TAO Productions and 10 years later he has produced nearly

1,000 major outdoor concerts. During this time a short period was spent production managing a young singer by the name of Charlotte Church. In 2004, Andy and his team at TAO produced some 60 outdoor events working with such artists as Busted, Yes, Tom Jones, Van Morrison, Jools Holland, Westlife, James Taylor, Donny Osmond and Blue. Andy also lectures at The Cabinet Office's Emergency Planning College and has sat on the committees of TESA and NOEA.