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A Farewell to Legendary Music Venue and Homage to Founder Giorgio Gomelsky on Friday, May 15th at 8PM

Red Door Collective, Hyphen-Hub and friends will stage a special tribute to Giorgio Gomelsky and his legendary music and arts hub Red Door, at 140 West 24th Street, which is deemed to close later this month after 37 years of existence. The multimedia tribute will include an oral history as told by friends including Bob Gruen, Dave Soldier and Gary Lucas, among others, and presented with the Lumiphonic Creature Choir. Gary Lucas, former Captain Beefheart guitarist, and his band Gods and Monsters will perform live.

Giorgio Gomelsky, now 81, is a seminal figure in rock history who played a role in launching the careers of The Rolling Stones, Yardbirds, Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page among others. A resident of NYC since the late 70's, Gomelsky continued to instigate artists and create a forward-thinking music scene in his home in Chelsea, known variously over the years as Red Door, Green Door, Plugg, Paddles, and Zu Loft among other names. The space has been home to an array of shows, events and artists including Jeff Buckley, Bill Laswell, Bad Brains, Alejandro Escovedo, The Rapture and many others. Gomelsky has been compelled to move from the space, which is slated for a sale and likely demolition later this summer.

The event will honor Gomelsky and the end of an era and pay tribute to the legendary space and scene that he created, which may soon be turned into just another NYC rock n' roll real estate story.

This will be a private event for all friends of Giorgio, supporters, and select media. We will be honored by your presence. Please let us know if you can attend and RSVP to ensure entry.

Who: **Giorgio Gomelsky** with special guests **Bob Gruen, Dave Soldier, Gary Lucas, Gods and Monsters**, and friends.

What: Homage to one of the most important non-musicians in Rock n' Roll History, Giorgio Gomelsky. and his legendary music and arts space, Red Door

Where: Red Door, 140 W24 Street, NY, NY

When: **Friday May 15, 8PM – 12AM**

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To request interviews with Mr. Gomelsky and guests please refer to email above