



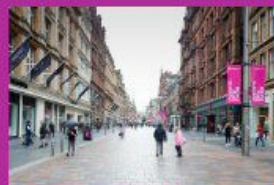
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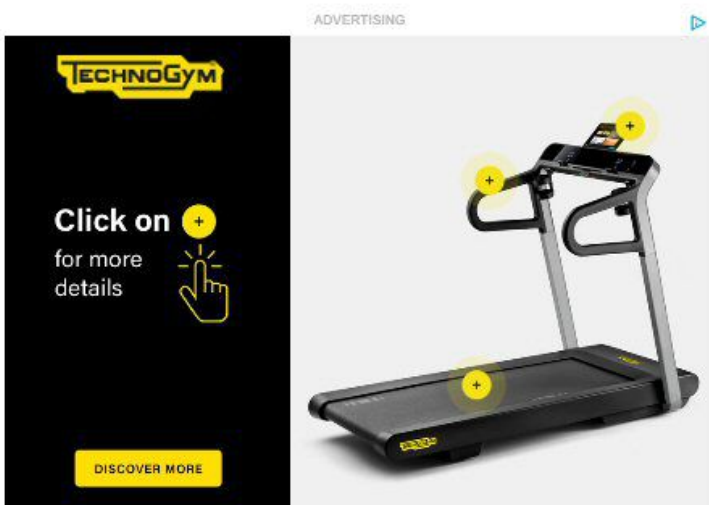
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A football anthem by an Uddingston composer is to feature in a new film about [Sir Alex Ferguson](#).

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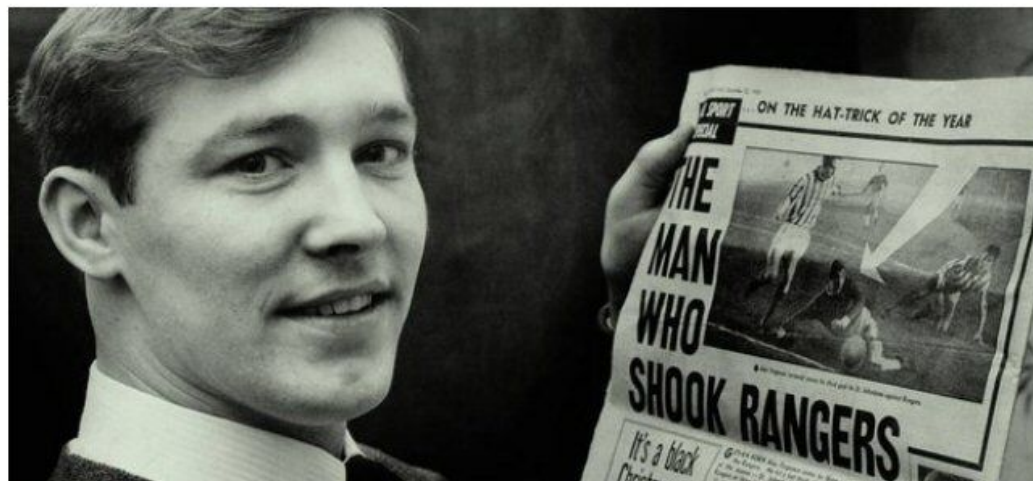
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Now it's back centre stage in the documentary *Sir Alex Ferguson: Never Give In*, which was directed by Ferguson's son Jason as the football legend recovered from a brain haemorrhage in 2018.

Speaking about the documentary, Sir Alex, said: "Losing my memory was my biggest fear when I suffered the haemorrhage.

"In the making of the film I was able to revisit the most important moments of my life, good and bad.

"Having Jason direct the film has ensured an honest and intimate account."



📺 The documentary *Sir Alex Ferguson: Never Give In* was directed by the football legend's son, Jason Ferguson.

Harry recorded *European Song* with the Aberdeen squad including players Jim Leighton, Gordon Strachan, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller and Mark McGhee as well as winning goal scorers Eric Black and John Hewitt.

It was pressed as a 7-inch single in the Dons' trademark red and white colours and had to be reissued when initial supplies of 100,000 copies ran out as fans queued at record stores in the Granite City.

Demand was so great that distributors drove to Wales to collect boxes of the record direct from the pressing plant.

Harry, of Uddingston, who died suddenly in 2013, has a huge back catalogue as a writer and producer.

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He played the drums and sang on Ally's Tartan Army with the 1978 Scotland World Cup squad and wrote most of the songs on the official album.

He also wrote hundreds of songs and TV and radio jingles and songs over his 50-year career many of which are still running today.



Harry's daughter Kate, said: "We're delighted that dad's memory lives on in his music and look forward to the film. He was a talented man."

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*Sir Alex Ferguson: Never Give In premieres at the Glasgow Film Festival on March 6.

It's in cinemas from May 27 if restrictions are lifted and on Amazon Prime Video from May 29.

For more information on Harry or to download the track see www.harrybarrymusic.com



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