

## **Mick Leeson** **Deputy Chairman – Writer**



Mick Leeson grew up in Newcastle where he sang in soul bands in the Sixties. He met his writing partner Peter Vale at University College London and worked in a bank before becoming a full time songwriter in 1980.

Mick and Peter's first chart successes were with Sheena Easton and Mick wrote the lyrics for the Oscar nominated James Bond song *For Your Eyes Only*. Their biggest US success came in 1986 with the top three hit *Take Me Home Tonight* by Eddie Money which recently received a BMI award for 3 million plays. In 1987 the double platinum Mica Paris album yielded the hit singles *My One Temptation* and *Breathe Life Into Me*. Their biggest hit *Would I Lie To You* by Charles and Eddie was No 1 in the UK and 11 other countries, winning four platinum discs and three Ivor Novello Awards.

Artists recording their songs include Ray Charles, The Commodores, Paul Young, Maxi Priest and Chaka Demus and Pliers. Most recently their song *If There's Any Justice* was a top three record for Lemar.

Mick was a PRS director from 1993 to 2006 and currently sits on the Board of the British Academy of Composers & Songwriters. He is a Committee Member of the PRS Members' Fund and a trustee of the PRS Foundation, and became PRS Deputy Chairman Writer on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.