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Widely-respected British music industry executive **Ray Cooper** passed away on July 28th at the age of 69. Cooper led both **Virgin Records UK** (as Co-Managing Director) and **Virgin Records America** (as Co-President) alongside



**Ray Cooper**

**Ashley Newton**. Across a career that spans 46 years, Cooper worked with acts such as **U2**, the **Spice Girls**, the **Rolling Stones**, **Janet Jackson** and many others. His resume also included stops at **Island Records**, **Transatlantic Records**, **Anchor Records**, **Jet Records** and his own **Circa Records**, where alongside Newton, they broke acts such as **Massive Attack** and **Neneh Cherry** before selling the label to Virgin.

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