

Darren John

Acoustic Songs and Singalong

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Hello and Thank You!

I've been performing professionally as a live acoustic singer and songwriting musician for over 30 years, performing across the UK and beyond at festivals, theatres and mostly anywhere with decent coffee. In recent years I have taken on the role of music leader for a number of community groups, therefore widely developing my cover song list. So in the first instance I'd like to say that if you're looking for a fresh faced youngster singing Ed Sheeran, I'm probably not the one you're looking for!

My repertoire and stage persona however is entertaining, accessible and flexible; I am very experienced and more than capable of delivering an inclusive set of songs and singalongs at a wide range of settings and events. I am also often available at short notice, I have additional musicians available, and coming out of the North West of England with friends to visit around the UK, I am happy to travel if required.

I hope here you find the information you require and as a follow-up, please do call or e-mail to ask me any questions, check availability dates etc.

Thanks and all good things,
Darren :-)



Please note:

More songs are being added and on request I can add songs to suit a special occasion

I would as a rule deliver between 10-12 songs in an hour, or if preferred 2 'sets' of around 45 minutes, 7-8 songs.

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Set-Up

As a rule we would usually run a singing or music making session 'acoustically' or with a small amplified set-up that I can usually provide.

I provide lyric sheets for singalongs, and am always happy to take guidance with regards to song requests and special occasions.

Coffee, Water, Snack, Fee etc

Please note I am a self-employed practitioner and whilst I am happy to support community groups and charities, I do require a reasonable fee for my work, thank you :-)

I truly appreciate a good cup of coffee or two, and access to fresh water before and during the session(s). I appreciate an opportunity to snack afterwards if there is fresh food available, but as a rule I usually go home in time for tea ...



Special Events

Singalongs include ...

500 Miles (The Proclaimers)
Brown Eyed Girl (Van Morrison)
Chasing Cars (Snow Patrol)
Daydream Believer (The Monkees)
Don't Look Back In Anger (Oasis)
Hey Ho (Lumineers)
Is This The Way To Amarillo (Tony Christie)
One Day Like This (Elbow)
Sit Down (James)
Something In The Air (Thunderclap Newman)
Sweet Caroline (Neil Diamond)
Times Like These (Foo Fighters)
Wild Rover (Traditional)
Wonderwall (Oasis)
Worried Man Blues (Unknown)
Yellow Submarine (The Beatles)

A more 'eclectic' session:

Beeswing (Richard Thompson)
Blowin' In The Wind (Bob Dylan)
Days (The Kinks)
Dignity (Deacon Blue)
Heroes (David Bowie)
Hurry On Sundown (Hawkwind)
I Still Haven't Found ... (U2)
If I Had A Hammer - (Pete Seeger)
End Of The World As We Know It (REM)
Keep On Rockin' In Free World (Neil Young)
Love Will Tear Us Apart (Joy Division)
Mad World (Tears For Fears)
No Surrender (Bruce Springsteen)
The Ghost Of Tom Joad (Bruce Springsteen)
What's So Funny About Peace ... (Nick Lowe)

Coffee, Water, Snack, Travel, Accom, Fee etc

My fee is always reasonable and I truly appreciate a good cup of coffee or two, and access to fresh water before and during performance. I appreciate an opportunity to snack afterwards if there is fresh food available.

Where there is travel involved of up to 3 hours, then as a rule I like to drive home, but if needs be I am a very happy camper / airb&b / overnight guest.

Please note that when we agree a fee, we may need to cost in my expenses and multiple events during the same period 'on the road' always help, thank you :-)



The full range of special events is wide ranging, and often those booking entertainment require something quite specific. Please note therefore I am not a tribute act, a theme caricature, by choice a busker lost in a crowd of chatter or a fresh faced pop singer.

I am however, very capable of working an audience across all ages, no matter how large or small the stage and event.

And I am a songwriter (Glastonbury, Edinburgh Fringe etc): www.poyzer.com

Reviews & Testimonials

"Darren is one of the most infectiously good natured performers I've seen in 35 years in the business" - Henry Normal (Baby Cow / Bafta Award winning writer producer)

"Darren is that rare breed of musician who believes supporting the scene is as important as developing his talent. An infectious personality, prodigious talent and a wonderful compere." - Rob Ellen (Belladrum Tartan Heart)

"One of the Manchester scene's best loved music personalities" - Manchester Eve News

"Where Darren appears, unusual things happen and people enjoy themselves ... natural acoustic sound with trademark warmth, firmness and tenderness from his guitar and seemingly effortless projection of the distinctive voice that shares those same qualities ... Darren had once again produced an evening that mattered" - Leeds Music Scene

"Darren has a truly unique energy and gift for orchestrating live performance, armed as he is with a seemingly endless delivery of uplifting stories" - Raise Your Banners Festival

"... a truly uplifting set that managed to reduce the wall-to-wall, packed out Green Room to an almost religious silence ... " - Vicky Andrews, St Helens Star

"A masterclass in live performance" - Tina Redford, Left Coast, Blackpool



"I have no hesitation to recommend Darren to other organisations or funders. He has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to our organisation. Darren is professional and reliable, he has good planning and evaluation skills and his interpersonal skills are fantastic. He is full of energy and enthusiasm for his task and this inspires others, even those with additional needs or those lacking in confidence. "

Ann Wright, Chief Officer, Just Drop In (Macclesfield)