

Hello, welcome and Thank You ...



My name is Darren John Poyzer

I write and celebrate inspired, dynamic songs

I love to gig live, humbled by every opportunity

I play solo, front an acoustic duo and a folk roots trio

I write and perform themed music events

Please consider me / us for event bookings

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Darren Poyzer

Booking Information

Singer / Songwriter, NW England . English born of Welsh and Irish heritage



Darren has opened the show for an incredible range of artistes, from Lloyd Cole to Toots And The Maytals, Eddi Reader to Ozric Tentacles, The Saw Doctors to Roy Harper, and has toured with John Cooper Clarke and The Men They Couldn't Hang.

Festivals he has played include Glastonbury, Edinburgh Fringe, International Guitar Festival of Great Britain, Belladrum Tartan Heart, Folk On The Farm and Acoustic Festival of Britain.

"a very, very brilliant writer" - Richard Digance

"a masterclass in live performance" - Tina Redford

"heartfelt with poignant lyrics, and a beautiful sensitive touch. We really enjoy it when he appears on the same stage as us" - Andy Powell, Wishbone Ash

Concert and Festival Line-Ups

Poyzer, Fluff and Farrell (folk roots trio)

Incredible Planet (acoustic duo)

Darren Poyzer (solo electro acoustic)

Special Event Performances

The War To End All Wars (music and visuals)

Protest Songs (music and visuals)

The 18 Year Old Veteran (spoken word)

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Poyzer, Fluff and Farrell



Performance Time: up to 2 hours approx

PFF are: Darren Poyzer + acoustic guitar / e-bow maestro
Kevin Farrell + fab fiddler Fluff (Galleon Blast / Thea Gilmore / Incredible String Band).

Together they weave and whirl through a magical set of original songs and eclectic classics, each delivered with a free-thinking poignant, folky, rootsy flow, bound together with welcoming, smiley banter.

Listen out for their awe-inspiring 'Love Will Tear Us Apart', championed by Joy Division's Peter Hook, and Thunderclap Newman anthem 'Something In The Air'.

***"The passion and the conflict, the love in the room, the magic, madness, rabble-rousing excellence, banter and beauty ... a power-trio line-up that makes this gathering one of the must-see occasions of the festival ... always one of the most requested acts throughout the year"* - Audlem Festival**
***"genuine highlight of the festival ... fabulous stuff"* - Middlewich Folk & Boat Fest**
***"memorable ... rabble rousing ... excellent"* - Acoustic Magazine**

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Incredible Planet



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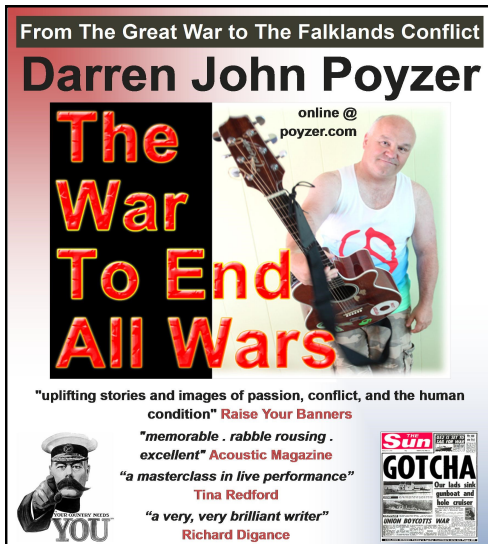
Two acoustic guitars, e-bow, passionate voices, lots of great banter and a set of incredibly moving and inspired songs. Acclaimed songwriters in their own right, Darren Poyzer and Kevin Farrell are "together a phenomenon".

No sequins, no backing tracks, live on stage this is as heartfelt as any acoustic harmony, yet loud like your favourite band with a handful of timeless covers for that special occasion.

From UK Tours to Beer Festivals and more ...

***"What a night! With the room full to overflowing it was another brilliant performance"* - Clitheroe Festival**
***"Great, fantastic, brilliant, mind blowing and inspiring ... would I go and see them again? Yes I most definitely would and they wouldn't need to be supporting anyone to get my money at the door"* - Manchester Is Music**
***"vibrant and original ... eminently watchable"* - Topic Folk Club, Bradford**

The War To End All Wars



Performance Time: up to 90 minutes approx

A live music and projected visuals performance with a war and conflict theme, Darren draws on personal experiences of The Falklands Conflict and extensive Great War research to commemorate the forthcoming 100 year Armistice Anniversary in 2018.

All the songs performed are originals, as is the narrative, and authentic film footage accompaniment makes this an unforgettable event.

A completely acoustic / technology free acoustic guitar and narrative performance is also available.

"one of my Fringe highlights" - Toni Saxton, Buxton Festival Fringe

"a great and very thought provoking performance" - Ian Haughey, Hoc19 Events

"an interesting, educational and creative production" - Glossop Gazette

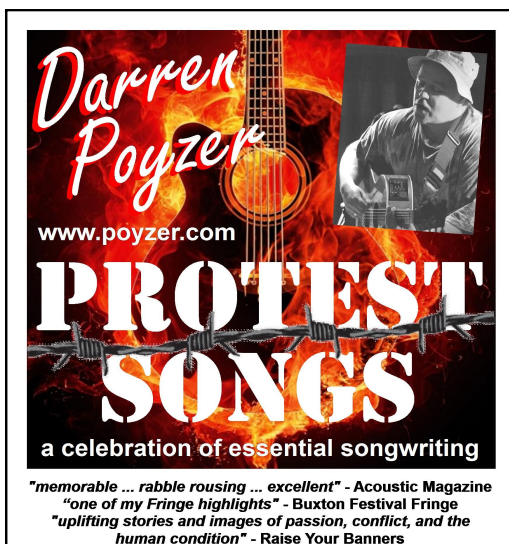
"be prepared for some superbly written / played songs" - Gregson Lane Folk Club

"a deeply moving experience which will live long in the memory ...

an extraordinary show" - John Birch, Mottram Cricket Club

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Protest Songs



Performance Time: up to 90 minutes approx

This live music and projected visuals event takes the incredible history of the Protest Song, and delivers an educational and entertaining collage via a truly unique performance and perspective.

With a wide range of acclaimed and not so well-known artists to choose from globally, the genre provides some of the most cutting edge anthems in the history of popular and not so popular music.

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"a truly unique energy and gift for orchestrating live performance, armed as he is with a seemingly endless delivery of uplifting stories and images of passion, conflict, and the human condition" - Raise Your Banners Festival

"The very fine Darren Poyzer ... inimitable!" - Manchester Evening News

"I am very impressed by his approach to music ... what an unusual delivery and how effective. Excellent!" - Frank Hennessy, Celtic Heartbeat, BBC Radio Wales

Darren Poyzer (solo)

Performance Time: up to 2 hours approx



A confident, inspirational voice, poignant accessible songs, classic covers and audience engaging banter.

Singer and songwriter who combines loving emotion with socio-politics, humour and charisma, Darren has starred alongside many great contemporaries to wide acclaim.

Raised during the raw, early days of alternative comedy as it evolved from performance poetry, Poyzer turns the angst of a Thatcher-era teenager into a burst of musical theatre, using little more than voice and acoustic guitar.

Experienced, professional, and very approachable ...

"The biggest surprise from the day came in the shape of Darren Poyzer, a Mancunian singer/songwriter with charm and talent on his side ... full of the wit of a comedian and the musical skills of one of the greats" - Acoustic Festival of Britain

"Great gig Darren, you did a mighty job and they loved ya" - Leo Moran (The Saw Doctors)

"a cross between Slade The Leveller & Frank Sidebottom" - The Guardian

"A perceptive and moving singer-songwriter" - Adur Festival

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The 18 Year Old Veteran

Performance Time: up to 1 hour approx



SPOKEN WORD: Ideal for literature festivals series of lectures, historical societies etc.

Using personal experiences from The Falklands Conflict of 1982 (as an 18 year old on board HMS Broadsword) and research into The Great War 1914-1918, Darren gives insights into the effect that conflict has on the human condition and how it has shaped our lives coming out of the 20th Century.

A century of almost unbroken war and conflict.

A century of two catastrophic global conflicts, quickly forgotten by all but the profiteers as the 21st Century took shape.

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"his brutally honest, yet delicately delivered narrative transfixed even the most macho of grown men in the room ... possesses a fighting spirit rarely found and a punky edge, combined with a sharp sense of humour" - St Helens Star

More Information ...

Any Questions? Please call Darren on 07866 507441

Tech Spec: We can provide PA system and lights for small to medium size venues and covered outdoor events for around 100 people. If required for same space, we can provide a projector and screen. Venue PA: one monitor per musician please.

Publicity: We can provide a short run of full colour A3 Posters for your venue. For Social Media and Website use, we can provide artwork and photos to requested size. For Printed Press we can provide High Resolution Photos. For Broadcast we provide high quality recordings, and are generally available for live sessions and interviews.



Catering Appreciated: Coffee with fresh milk; water; Guinness (Cider for Fluff); Pizza

Travel: We are North West Midlands / Greater Manchester based; own transport.

Fees and Expenses

For **Special Events** that require film footage, a fee of **£150 + travel** is requested

For **Concerts and Festivals** a fee of **£100 per musician + travel** is requested

For events **over 60 miles** away, **overnight accommodation may be requested**

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