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Dazzler

Classic Covers & Friendly Banter
Festivals, Theatres & Special Events
Song Requests & Dedications

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Hello & Welcome :-)

I am an experienced, full-time professional **singer songwriter**, **live streamer**, **cover songs artiste** & community musician who performs around the UK, traveling out of Stockport in the North West of England.

I book **direct and in person**, solo performance, with special event **duo and trio line-ups** optional. I am often available at short notice, and I keep my phone and diary on my person at all times.

I have **sound system and lights** suitable for medium size venues, eg bars, cafes, community centres, and a battery operated 'busking' set-up for small venues, eg garden parties, house concerts, small rooms.

Please note all songs are performed 'live', I do not perform with backing tracks.

*Thank you for your time and
consideration,
All good things always,
Darren :-)*

Singer Songwriter: Darren Poyzer (solo, duo or trio)

Songwriting and story telling is my passion, and for a creative person there is no greater reward than to be accepted for your art and the effort that you've put into practice, presentation, performance. Ok, money helps also but hey ... :-)

I started writing and performing in the early 1990's surrounded by peers with great ability and sense of community. Together we found our niche as creative artistes and those I performed alongside include: Steve Coogan, Lemn Sissay, John Bramwell (I Am Kloot), John Cooper Clarke, Henry Normal, Caroline Aherne, Craig Cash, John Thomson, Kevin Fegan to name a few.

I play **tours and support roles for acclaimed bands and artistes**, taking to stages at **Festival and Events**, I bring folky tales of the everyday, up tempo pop songs celebrating life and love, into the light with positive mental health and into the night with rousing anthems and singalongs.

"Darren's songs are 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)

"Great gig Darren, well done, you did a mighty job and they loved ya, fair play!"

- Leo Moran (Saw Doctors)

"Darren Poyzer has 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



Classic Covers: Dazzler (solo, duo or trio)

A 'covers artiste' is often thought of as someone who sings to backing tracks, maybe delivering a tribute show or songs from specific genres or era. Those of us deliver a solo covers show totally live and 'in the moment' are few and far between.

For me the greatest advantage of playing live is the spontaneity of the live performance, the opportunities that arise for banter and inviting audience participation, usually by way of an impromptu singalong, or maybe even inviting audience members to sing and perform on stage and alongside.

'Dazzler' is my alter ego, a character who drops into a gathering with an acoustic guitar and harmonica and invites people to enjoy the event, pick up a chorus or two, join in, capture photo and video of moments never to be forgotten and always cherished.

As well as large scale festivals, food and drink events, private parties and house concerts can all be booked in, as the **tech spec** and **fee requirements** are always reasonable and flexible to suit the occasion, with solo, duo and trio line-ups all available.

For a sample song list please [click here](#).



'Dazzler' Venues (2022/23)

Blackpool Winter Gardens

Southampton Guild Hall

Swindon MECA

Middlesbrough Town Hall

Lincoln Engine Room

Stoke King George's Hall

Grimsby Auditorium

Leeds Royal Armouries

Nottingham Wollaton Hall

Derby Chocolate Factory

Guildford Stoke Park

Southend Priory Park

Oxford Rugby Club

Hemel Hempstead Gadebridge Park

Cambridge Rugby Club

Colchester Lower Castle Park

Chelmsford Central Park

Winchester North Walls Recreation Park

Telford QE2 Arena

Milton Keynes Campbell Park

Victoria Park Hull

Community Music & Singing

It's all very nice being a pop star etc, but I personally believe the most worthy musicians are those who contribute to the wider community. For my part, I have been employed or volunteered my time in the following roles:

- Youth Music Project Manager (Stockport / Bickerton)
- Music Leader Regional Project Manager (North East)
- Special Needs Music Teacher in Schools (SEND / EBD)
- Special Needs and Mainstream Youth Worker
- Community Singing Group Leader (assorted independents / care homes / Alzheimer's Society)
- 1-1 Special Needs Music Leader
- Associate Music Leader Special Needs (Drake Music / Manchester Camerata)



I am currently Project Manager for Stockport (Youth) Music Project, and the community singing groups I lead are based in Stockport and Bollington, near Macclesfield.

I provide 1-1 music activities & learning for children with special needs at home within the Greater Manchester area.

I keep up to date DBS (criminal records / safeguarding) and am happy to provide CV and references when required.

[The Stockport \(Youth\) Music Project website can be found here](#)

[For a sample Community Singing Group song list please click here](#)

Touring & Support Shows

As special guest I have performed alongside, opened shows or toured with:

The Saw Doctors

Steve Coogan

Wishbone Ash

Fisherman's Friends

John Cooper Clarke

Eddi Reader

Ozric Tentacles

Toots & The Maytals

The Men They Couldn't Hang

Attila The Stockbroker

Walter Trout

Nerina Pallot

Lloyd Cole

Nick Harper

Hawkwind

Hayseed Dixie

The Alarm

The Zombies

Roy Harper

John Thomson

John Bramwell (I Am Kloot)

Focus

The Mock Turtles

Michelle Shocked

The Chameleons

The Wonderstuff

The Bluetones

New Model Army

Lancashire Hotpots

Glenn Tilbrook

Hazel O'Connor

Josh Ritter

The Tiger Lillies

Kirsty McGee

Kathryn Williams

Dave Sharp

China Crisis

Martin Stephenson

Richard Digance

Limehouse Lizzy

From The Jam

Stackridge

Hayseed Dixie

Gutter Brothers

... and many more!



Festival and Special Events

I've appeared at ...

Glastonbury Festival

Edinburgh Festival

Belladrum Tartan Heart

Acoustic Festival of Britain

International Guitar Festival
of Britain

Texas USA (2 tours)

Adur Festival

Manchester

International Festival

Bradford Festival

Buxton Fringe Festival

Glastonwick Festival

Chorlton Arts Festival

Independence Festival, Leeds

Legendary Manchester Busker

Inter-Action Disability Arts,
Milton Keynes

Congleton Unplugged

Glossop Folk and Roots Festival

Wigan Diggers Festival

Lift Global Music Festival

Nantwich Food & Drink Festival

Oktoberfest Festivals (UK touring)

Sausage & Cider Festivals (UK touring)

Northern Green Gathering



Bars, Cafes, House Concerts

The bread and butter, heart and soul, mainline and backbone of the musicians life on the road can be found in the bars, cafes and homes where they are welcomed as weary travellers, watered well and given the space to play their very best gig.

I travel a lot and between my own home and a booked event, a pleasant stop-off for an extra gig or two can be priceless. I personally welcome any and every opportunity and enquiry no matter how small, as life on the road is always better spent in the company of friends and music.

House concerts in particular are always a pleasant surprise and totally unique. As a rule, all it takes is a few friends to bring food and drink, place a donation into the kitty for the musician, and the event happens in the living, in the garden, even occasionally in the kitchen, although this isn't the safest place to be honest.

Even better, a pre-booked event for a special occasion ensure that special songs are sung, and additional musicians can be drafted in to make the event even more on an occasion.

Tech wise, I have a small pa system for bars and cafes, a battery 'busking' amp for garden parties, and in the small space of a living room, totally acoustic is intimate and magical.

To see where I am on the road in the coming months via a live gig guide, and to map out my routes and opportunities in your area, please go to:

www.poyzer.com/current/liveperformance



Solo, Duo or Trio

It's always been and always will be a great privilege to play alongside outstanding musicians. These are some of the musicians who I work with when an event requires a duo or trio line-up:

Clare 'Fluff' Smith

Often seen at folk festivals, 'Fluff' has made a name for herself as a truly inspirational fiddle player performing with the likes of Mark Radcliffe, The Incredible String Band and Thea Gilmore. She's one third of the 'Poyzer, Fluff and Farrell' line-up.

Kevin Farrell

Outstanding virtuoso acoustic guitarist and acclaimed songwriter, Kevin and I perform as 'Poyzer & Farrell' when original songs and dynamic arrangements are required. We've opened shows together in major theatres and venues supporting the likes of Hawkwind, Ozric Tentacles and Wishbone Ash.

Pigman

A truly world class harmonica player and percussionist, Pigman is a former member of the Jake Legg Jug Band, a renowned festival and street performer, former white faced circus clown, and one half of the 'Poyzer & Pigman' original songs duo.

Roydan Styles

Out of Manchester and most certainly not typical of the intense dark side of the city, Roydan is a popular acoustic guitarist, singer and songwriter, who forms the other half of our 'Manchester Acoustic Sound System' classic covers and friendly banter duo.

Jamie Parkes (Kevin Ferret)

Classically trained, a joy to watch, Jamie is also known as 'Kevin Ferret' due to his live and studio appearances as an occasional member of festival comedy band 'The Lancashire Hotpots'.



Cover Songs: Sample List

500 Miles (The Proclaimers)
Angels (Robbie Williams)
Blue Suede Shoes (Elvis)
Champagne Supernova (Oasis)
Chasing Cars (Snow Patrol)
Dakota (Stereophonics)
Daydream Believer (The Monkees)
Don't Look Back In Anger (Oasis)
Hi-Ho Silver Lining (Jeff Beck)
Human (The Killers)
I'm A Believer (The Monkees)
Is This The Way To Amarillo (Tony Christie)
Let's Twist Again (Chubby Checker)
Oh Boy (Buddy Holly)
One Day Like This (Elbow)
Run (Snow Patrol)
Sit Down (James)
Something In The Air (Thunderclap Newman)
Sweet Caroline (Neil Diamond)
Time Of Your Life (Green Day)
Times Like These (Foo Fighters)
Wild Rover (Traditional)
Wonderwall (Oasis)
Worried Man Blues (Unknown)
Yellow (Coldplay)
Yellow Submarine (The Beatles)
You Are My Sunshine

or perhaps a more eclectic selection:

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)
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 Love and Understanding? (Nick Lowe)

More songs are being added all the time, often to suit a special occasion.

With advance notice I can add specific songs by special request, and am always very happy to do so :-)



Community Singing: Song List

Just some of the songs we sing!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Amazing Grace

Annie's Song

Any Dream Will Do

Bad Moon Rising

Blowing In The Wind

Blue Moon

Blue Suede Shoes

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Bring Me Sunshine

Brown Eyed Girl

Bye Bye Love

Daydream Believer

Dirty Old Town

Drunken Sailor

Edelweiss

Goodnight Irene

He's Got The Whole World

Hit The Road Jack

How Much Is That Doggy ...

If I Had A Hammer

Is This The Way To Amarillo

It's A Long Way To Tipperary

King Of The Road

Knees Up Mother Brown

Kum Ba Ya

Leaving On A Jet Plane

Let's Twist Again

Lord Of The Dance

Love and Marriage

New World In The Morning

Oh What A Beautiful Morning

Oh When The Saints Go Marching In

Peggy Sue

Que Sera Sera

Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head

Run Rabbit Run

She'll Be Coming Round The

Mountain

Show Me The Way To Go Home

Singin In The Rain

Sloop John B

Sweet Caroline

Swing Low Medley

Take Me Home Country Roads

The Rose

These Boots Were Made For Walking

Those Were The Days

Tie A Yellow Ribbon

Top Of The World

Wild Rover

Worried Man's Blues

Yellow Submarine



Please note I provide song books with all the lyrics in a large print format, and we make every effort to ensure community groups are inclusive and dementia friendly.

More songs are being added all the time, often to suit a special occasion.

With advance notice I can add specific songs by special request, and am always happy to do so :-)

Setting up is usually very simple as such events are usually 'acoustic' and without amplification, however the venue should be fully accessible, warm and safe considering the needs and well-being of vulnerable people.

Reviews & Testimonials

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

"memorable ... rabble rousing ... excellent" - Acoustic Magazine

"Make no mistake, this is a man who is passionate about peace and social justice; he just also happens to have an excellent sense of humour & engaging stage presence" - Buxton Fringe

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

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

"I can say with 100% honesty that Darren Poyzer is one of my favourite ever singer/songwriters. Whenever I've seen him perform, I've watched the audience step right into the palm of his hand" - Laura Taylor (Wigan Diggers Festival / Poet)

"One of the Manchester scene's best loved music personalities ... The very fine Darren Poyzer ... inimitable!" - Manchester Evening News

"Where Darren Poyzer 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 Poyzer had once again produced an evening that mattered" - John Hepworth, Leeds Music Scene

"I am very impressed by his approach to music ... all his words are brilliant ... Excellent!" - Frank Hennessy (BBC Radio Wales)

"You did a smashing job fella ... ta muchly once again!" - The Lancashire Hotpots

"Darren Poyzer has 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"



Reasonable Fees & Hospitality

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

Please note that I choose gluten free food if available, but do not wish people to go out of their way to provide special food provision.

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

Please note we may need to add travel / accom expenses to fees, however multiple bookings that keep me 'on the road' can help keep my costs to a minimum, thank you :-)

Duo and trio line-ups are dependent on availability of musicians, and their own travelling distance.



Sound, Lights, Set-up

If required for small to medium size venues (bars, community centres etc), I can provide sound system and lights. The sound system I bring is a Yamaha Stagepas 1k (mk 2) single column system, that not only delivers a clear and dynamic sound, but takes up little space and looks great. I would require 15 minutes to set up and sound check, + 15 for lights.

For a duo / trio line-up we may extend this system to incorporate a couple of speakers on stands.

For larger events (festivals, theatres etc) it is usual for promoters to provide, and for this I / we require the following:

- stage di boxes for instruments
- xlr leads into desk for microphones (please note I personally bring my own stand plus a Beta SM58 mic)
- 1 maybe 2 x stage monitor(s)



Live Streaming

Darren Poyzer's Sunday Service is a regular live stream show with over 100 x 1 hour episodes delivered and counting. Loaded with live performance of original songs, fabulous shirts, community chat and cosmic hat, the show upgrades the singer songwriter role with interesting use of technology, to deliver a 3 camera angle, multi-backdrop one man production.

With occasional special guest slots and free to view online via [my website](#) and the usual social networks, the show is also available via [You Tube](#) and therefore can be enjoyed via large screen smart TVs.

Viewers can support the show via 'Buy Me A Coffee' and many do, all funds raised re-invested directly back into the show.



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poyzer live streaming
live performance
Sunday Jan 22nd 2023

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Set**
8.30pm

free to watch online, listen and enjoy

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@ www.poyzer.co.uk

a Sunday Service
special event :-)

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poyzer.com, Facebook,
Twitch, Twitter, LinkedIn,
and You Tube Smart /
Large Screen TV

please

♥ Buy me a coffee

thank you :-) d x



Every Sunday @ 11am



Please note I keep my diary on me at all times, my e-mail comes straight through to my mobile phone, and I am often available at short notice.

I usually take bookings direct and in person, and following initial enquiry I am very happy to provide my personal mobile number.

If I am not available for a specific date, I am happy to recommend others who may be able to meet your requirements, and hope that I can place a date with you for a similar event soon.

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