

Darren John

Acoustic Songs and Singalong for Community Groups
(dementia friendly / all ages)



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Hello and Thank You!

I've been performing professionally as an acoustic singer musician for over 35 years, performing across the UK and beyond at 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, and my associates and partners I've worked with include The Alzheimers Society, Music In Hospitals, Drake Music, Stockport Homes and a range of community / social groups.

My repertoire and stage persona 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 if required, and am happy to run either one-off or regular sessions as a resident singer / music leader.

I hope 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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The Rose
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Those Were The Days
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Top Of The World
Wade In The Water
Wild Rover
Worried Man's Blues
Yellow Submarine

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 ...



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)