

darren poyzer

**Lively original songs, character, charisma
and a great selection of singalong classics**

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Hello!

I've been performing professionally as a singer, songwriter and community musician for over 35 years, embracing some of the finest stages with acoustic guitar and harmonica across the UK and beyond at festivals, theatres and mostly anywhere with decent coffee.

In recent times I have taken on the role of music leader for a number of community groups, inspiring many singalongs and widely developing my classic song list. Having live streamed over 100 live concerts since 'the lockdown' I have also refreshed and added to my wide ranging, accessible repertoire of original songs and uplifting stories.

My stage persona is entertaining, colourful, accessible, friendly 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 have around 3 hours of songs available to choose from, am happy to play and sing requested songs to suit a special occasion, and I have my own sound system and lights suitable for a venue holding 150 people.



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

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Line-ups, Festivals and Events

As special guest I have opened shows and / or toured with:

The Saw Doctors

Steve Coogan

Wishbone Ash

Fisherman's Friends

John Cooper Clarke

Eddi Reader

Ozric Tentacles

Toota & The Maytals

The Men They Couldn't Hang

Walter Trout

Nerina Pallot

Lloyd Cole

Nick Harper

Hawkwind

Hayseed Dixie

The Alarm

The Zombies

Roy Harper

John Thomson

Focus

The Mock Turtles

Michelle Shocked

The Chameleons

The Wonderstuff

The Bluetones

New Model Army

Lancashire Hotpots

Glenn Tilbrook

Hazel O'Connor

John Bramwell (I Am Kloot)

Josh Ritter

The Tiger Lillies

Kirsty McGee

Kathryn Williams

Dave Sharp

China Crisis

Martin Stephenson

Richard Digance

Limehouse Lizzy



Festival and Events include:

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

Paddington International
Poetry Festival

Raise Your Banners Festival

Congleton Unplugged

Glossop Folk and Roots Festival

Nantwich Folk & Roots Festival

Wigan One World Festival

Lift Global Music Festival

Nantwich Food & Drink Festival

Oktoberfest + Sausage & Cider
Festivals (UK wide touring)

Reviews & Testimonials

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"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

"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)

"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"

Thanks and all good things, Darren :-)