

FAKE THACKRAY

The Songs of Jake Thackray by John Watterson



During the late 1960s and early 1970s Jake Thackray's satirical, witty, sentimental, hilarious songs brought him fame and extensive television exposure as well as a string of top selling albums.

He was a uniquely gifted songwriter that brought comparisons with Flanders and Swann and even the billing of the 'North Country Noel Coward'. Songs such as 'Bantam Cock', 'Sister Josephine', 'The Blacksmith and the Toffee Maker' and 'The Ballad of Billy Kershaw' illustrated what a true craftsman of the English language he was.

Dying tragically in 2002, his legacy of songs continues to delight audiences of all ages today.

John Watterson's tribute to Jake is full of the warmth, humour and sincerity that you would expect from a lifelong fan. His appreciation and love of Thackray's music is obvious to his audience and his performance is a true celebration of the man and his genius.

John is a talented guitarist and vocalist and has that engaging quality that makes you want to listen to his performance. When you wrap these ingredients up in the songs of Jake Thackray the result is a highly entertaining, heartfelt tribute to one of the finest songwriters of the 20th century.



"...so good that when I heard his CD I was convinced it was Jake's album. Fake Thackray is a must see act so check him out!"

Dave Pegg, Fairport Convention

"A proper tribute to this unique British songwriter. It is marvellous that Jake's treasured songs ride again. They are in safe hands."

Ralph McTell

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John is thrilled and proud to be invited to support Fairport Convention on their Winter 2013 tour (dates to be confirmed).

Dave Pegg says:

"We are delighted to have John open for us -he will be a hard act to follow!"

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