

FAKE THACKRAY

The Songs of Jake Thackray by John Watterson

John Watterson has performed the songs of Jake Thackray at festivals, concerts, clubs, after dinner venues and – most specially – to members of Jake’s family.

Jake’s songs are exquisitely funny, satirical, incisive, irreverent, witty and gloriously un-PC – and sometimes all of these at the same time. Jake was a one off, his poetry broke the rules yet worked beautifully. He was a true craftsman of the English language, and his legacy of scores of songs continues to delight audiences of all ages today.

“Fake Thackray is ironically the real deal.”

**Anthony John Clarke,
Singer/Songwriter**

“...a splendidly executed performance. Other club and festival organisers take note!”

Roland Walls, Black Swan Folk Club, York

“Latitude is one of the largest spoken word events in Europe and I wanted the great work of JT to be showcased at our festival. I couldn’t have hoped for a better tribute.”

Luke Wright, Poet and Organiser, Latitude Festival

“...I have seen Jake in concert many times and if I close my eyes when John is singing I can easily believe that is Jake himself back with us...”

Richard Abrahall, President, Ryedale Lions



“...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**

“We’ve put on six sell-out ‘Fake Thackray’ evenings in three years and have been delighted with the results. Jake’s songs are so entertaining and John’s interpretation of them has been complimented by all and is highly recommended!”

**Caroline Richardson,
Candlelighters charity, Leeds**

“These amazing songs deserve re-living and John is the man for the job.”

**Dan Ashton, Ash Keys Music,
South-West Promoters**

“strongly recommended to festival and club organisers...people asked ‘when is he coming back?’”

**Dave Minikin,
Newcastle Folk Club**

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"Jake Thackray's songs are funny, poignant, witty, tricky, romantic and wise. They are also very hard to perform. John Watterson has made a proper tribute to this unique British song writer, taking great care to replicate Jake's phrasing and emphasis and to play guitar in Jake's style too. John brings these wonderful songs to a new public who will no doubt love them as much as Jake's old fans. It is marvelous that Jake Thackray's treasured songs ride again. They are in safe hands."

Ralph McTell



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