

CURRICULUM VITAE

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MUSICAL AND PERFORMANCE BACKGROUND

1963 Took up playing guitar.

1969 First played and sang in public: S.S. Arcadia, Pacific Ocean;

1969 Began song writing.

1975 Learned to play spoons.

1976 First paid performance at the Minerva public house, Southend-On-Sea.

1976-2014 Pub and bar entertainer in England, Wales, Ireland, Denmark and Germany.

1976-2014 Performer of songs of the 50s, 60s, 70s, English, Irish, American Folk and self- penned songs.

1983-1990 Extensive busking in Europe as musical jester.

1985 Formed the band 'Part of the Furniture' in Leamington-Spa.

1988-2014 Entertaining as ' Sylvesta the Jester, wandering performer at weddings, fun days, festivals, living history events, corporate events, medieval banquets etc. Venues have included: Hampton Court, Trans-Asia Hotel, Sri-Lanka, International Eistedfodd, Llangollen, London Guildhall, Natural History Museum, Sidmouth and Trowbridge folk Festivals, Richard Branson's knighthood receiving party, Warwick Castle, Glastonbury Festival, Covent

Garden, events for Specsavers in Guernsey and many shopping centres.

1988 – 2014 Children’s shows as Sylvesta the Jester.

1988 – 2014 Performer and M.C at medieval banquets.

1989 Took up playing mandola

1990 – 1992 Formed and played in the band ‘Watt Tyler’s Revenge’. (my songs)

1990 – 1992 Co-ordinated music sessions with children with learning difficulties at “Womaston House, Walton, Powys.

1994 First album release ‘Heaven & Horrid’ (Oblong 015)

1994 Joined Celtic rock band ‘Escape party’. (original material)

1994 – 1996 Co-ordinated music sessions with adults with learning difficulties at Melton Mowbray College.

1995 – 1996 Member of new roots rock band ‘the Liberty Cats’ (original material)

1995 – 1996 Co-ordinated music sessions at Mundella College, Leicester, via Remit , as part of a mental health project.

1995 – 1997 Seven Concert tours of Germany with Chris Conway.

1995 Second album release with Chris Conway “Ranting and Raving’ (Oblong)

1995-1996 Co-ordinated song-writing workshops with young people on Mental health project at Kingfisher Youth Centre, Leicester.

1995-1996 Co-ordinated music sessions with adults on mental health project at Wesley Hall, Leicester.

1995-2010 Playing and singing in Irish duos and bands,’ Celtic Connection’, Bog Bandits’, ‘Blarney Roses’, Shenanigans’, ‘Shrinking Violets’ and ‘Beggars Belief’.

1997 Third album release with Chris Conway ‘Space on Earth’.

1998 Fourth album release ‘Orchestra of Wishes’.

- 2000** Austrian tour with 'Urban Folk'.
- 1997-2000** Member and leader of multi-cultural eclectic band -'Earthly' (my songs), touring England and Wales, including Glastonbury Festival.
- 2000** Founder member of 'The National Guild of Jesters.
- 2000** Ordained as the official jester to the City of Leicester by the Lord Mayor at Leicester Guildhall.
- 2002** Fifth album release 'Ranting in Heaven' (compilation)
- 2004** Sixth album release 'Fairytale Years'.
- 2000-2004** Leader and member of band -'Orchestra of Wishes' (my material).
- 2002-2004** Playing African music with musicians from Zimbabwe, Angola, Congo and South Africa.
- 2005** Solo tour of Germany.
- 2007** Began writing folk opera 'A minstrel's Tale'.
- 2009** Finished writing folk opera 'A Minstrel's Tale'.
- 30th August, 2009** Performed 'A Minstrel's Tale' with full cast and band to a very appreciative audience of two hundred at Leicester Cathedral.
- 2009-2014** Performing as minstrel -'Spencer the Rover'.
- 2009-2014** Performing as -'The Artful Roger' in Dickensian attire, singing and playing mandola. Festive traditional songs of winter, at Christmas events and music hall and folk songs at victorian and Edwardian events.
- 2010** Solo tour of Germany.
- 2012** Played the part of and wrote songs for the Court Jester in a production Of 'Charles 1st at the banqueting hall of the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard.
- 2014** Played the part of and wrote a song for Alan A'Dale in a production of 'Robin Hood' at the banqueting hall of the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard.

2013 – 2014 member of folk rock fusion band ‘Stoned Cherries’

Has appeared on T.V. and radio.

Is a member of the Musicians union.

Has public liability insurance (£10, 000, 000)

Has a clean disclosure certificate.

Holder of current full car and motor-cycle license.

No criminal record.