

MARK DEREK BIOGRAPHY

There are many superlatives in the English language that are often used to describe the talents of **Mark Derek** who has fast established himself as one of the finest and most requested entertainers of his kind. His impressive vocal sound, versatility and warm stage persona are consistently admired in addition to his professionalism and experience.



No stranger to the world of entertainment, Mark is the son of one of Britain's most successful Country Music vocalists. Growing up backstage, Mark cites those invaluable years and the early opportunities he was presented with to demonstrate his vocal talents to audiences up and down the British Isles as perhaps the reasons why he has always maintained a keen and active interest in *Entertainment* and *Live Performing*. Furthermore, Mark recalls being somewhat impressed by the sounds of live music, the bright lights, his father's popularity and the plethora of top international artistes he would often work with.

Throughout his earlier years, Mark continued to involve himself in his father's profession and would often show signs of potentially, one day, following in his footsteps.

To date though and, having already performed to audiences in Ireland, Malta and the USA, it is here in the UK where Mark has fast established himself as one of the finest and most requested vocal entertainers of his kind and he has been totally overwhelmed by the supportive and enthusiastic fan base that has developed in the process. Subsequently, this has brought about a string of notable supports for Mark to some well-established names in Entertainment including, 60's band's HERMAN'S HERMITS, VANITY FARE, THE FOURMOST and, legendary comedian JIMMY CRICKET and Irish entertainers SUSAN McCANN, BRENDAN SHINE, PHILOMENA BEGLEY and THE INDIANS SHOWBAND.

Carefully crafted, compiled and presented with panache and polish, Mark's live show comprises a popular blend of Country, 50's, 60's & 70's and features a string of familiar and well-received songs made famous in the past by such artistes as; Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, The Mavericks, Bobby Vee, Buddy Holly, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin, The Monkees and many more. Mark's winning formula is that he's a young man who can cover an endless back catalogue of songs with the greatest of ease as if they were originally written for him! Mark who predominantly appeals to the more mature individual says, "My audiences seem to love to hear a younger guy like myself singing the older songs!"

Mark is featured regularly in the Press and his songs can often be heard on a number of BBC Radio stations. Positively going from strength to strength – Mark says, "The stage is my world and I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be!"

"It was great having you on the show. You did a great job!" JIMMY CRICKET

"Mark...great show!" HERMAN'S HERMITS

"An easy going, personable and confident vocalist!" THE STAGE

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