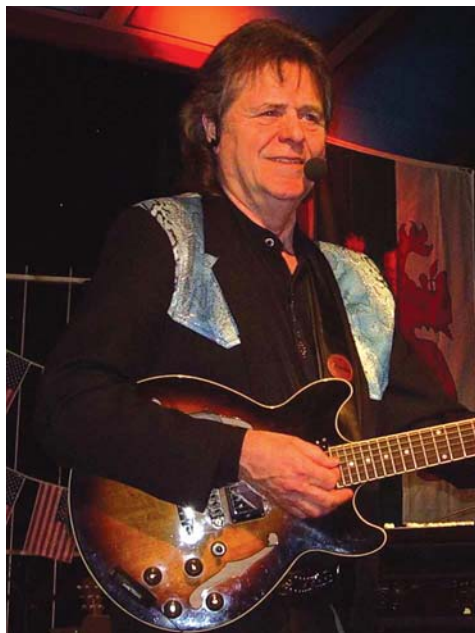


Dane Stevens is from Colchester, Essex and comes from a musical family. At an early age he was playing guitar and piano. He was raised on Country music but enjoyed his teenage rock 'n' roll years too. His first experience on the big stage was with the Colchester Boys Choir and singing at the Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Like many of his contemporaries he formed a skiffle group, which later developed into a rockabilly type band called The DeepBeats, complete with double bass and Elvis hairstyles.

His early influences were Elvis, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison. The DeepBeats won a 'New Faces' type competition on Anglia Television and were soon appearing on local television and radio, touring the East Anglia area and the American Airforce bases. Dane went on to gain experience with various sixties groups with a single out on the Decca record label. He later went solo and began writing songs. His first success as a singer/songwriter came when he was signed to Parlophone and recorded two singles at the famous Abbey Road Studios.

In the early 1970s Dane moved to Wales and was soon on the club circuit playing mainly as a solo artiste, but picking up



Dane Stevens

The complete Country entertainer

a band on the way called Dealer. However, it was as a solo entertainer that Dane excelled and he became a very well respected artiste on the mid Wales and Border counties circuit. He also did seasons in Spain and Portugal. By now Dane was writing Country music and in 1976 was signed to do an album for Tank Records and then, in the 80s, for Mentra Records, a Welsh label. He was in fact the first English artiste to record at the Sain Studios in Caernarfon with an album called Raised On Country which contained 11 of Dane's own songs.

In 1990 Dane moved back to Colchester and he now travels the UK, having developed into one of the most sought after solo entertainers on the British Country circuit.

In 1996 Dane won the prestigious UK Radio Awards with his album of self-penned songs, Across The Miles, winning best album recorded in the UK.

He has won numerous Country club awards all over the UK for entertainer of the year, solo of the year and even two separate band of the year awards where he was competing against four- and five-piece bands. He was also nominated in

the Country Music Gazette awards for Best Solo Artiste.

His latest album, More & More was also nominated for three awards in the UK Radio Awards 2005. Best Album, Song of the Year and Best Single (I Just Fell For You Tonight).

He has also performed in Canada and appeared on CBC Radio.

Over the years Dane has been on the Country scene he has recorded 14 albums and, although there have been many changes, he has stayed essentially Country, appealing to both dancers and listeners.

One of Dane's early influences was Roy Orbison and he now presents a Roy Orbison tribute show, which is gaining popularity all over the UK. He has also recorded a whole 14 track album of Orbie songs called In Dreams - Dane Sings Roy Orbison which has also proved very popular.

When on stage Dane plays guitar, and harmonica and, as well as his own compositions, sings old Country favourites plus the latest popular Country tunes.

He also composes and plays every note of his backing via a keyboard and sequencer to create a full band sound.