

Jharda...The Singing Harpist



"A unique singer-songwriter, Jharda taught herself the lever harp whilst at university and then spent several summers playing at folk festivals up and down the UK as part of a contemporary Celtic band. For the past five years she has been performing regularly as a solo artist, mesmerising audiences all over London with her mature and tuneful self-penned love songs and cleverly arranged covers. The delicious contrast between rich vocals and crisp, delicate harp, leaves a lasting impression on the listener; Jharda has found a modern edge to this timeless instrument" - Joel Lightman and David Tedora

Jharda has a BA Hons degree in Popular Music Studies from Bretton Hall (University of Leeds) and is proud to play a beautiful Dusty Strings FH36S harp, in Bubinga wood, from Clive Morley Harps.

Repertoire...

My repertoire is unique and varied; alongside my own self-penned songs I sing well-known cover songs (including artists such as Alicia Keys, Norah Jones, Shania Twain and Eva Cassidy) all arranged by myself for the harp. I can also play more traditional wedding music - instrumental classical, Celtic and contemporary pieces, including favourites such as Pachelbel's Canon and My Heart Will Go On. Please see below for more examples.

Given enough notice (ideally at least one month) I am more than happy to learn **special requests**. For example, at weddings the bride and groom often like to have a harp version of "their song" played when they walk down the aisle or when the register is being signed, or if you are arranging a themed event you might have a particular song, tune or style of music in mind. I can of course perform a mixture of songs and instrumental pieces for you.

For that extra special touch, why not enquire about **commissioning a bespoke song** - perhaps it could be based around your vows if you are writing your own, or inspired by a favourite poem?



I prefer to play in London and the surrounding areas, but if travel costs for bookings further afield (and accommodation costs if necessary) can be agreed, then I am happy to consider pretty much anywhere that can be reached by car!

Songs:

Heaven - Bryan Adams / DJ Sammy
Still The One - Shania Twain
From This Moment - Shania Twain
Songbird - Fleetwood Mac / Eva Cassidy
Wonderful Tonight - Eric Clapton
When You Say Nothing At All - Ronan Keating / Alison Krauss
If I Ain't Got You - Alicia Keys
Come Away With Me - Norah Jones
Don't Know Why - Norah Jones
True Colours - Cyndi Lauper
Time After Time - Cyndi Lauper
I Will - The Beatles / Alison Krauss
Into My Arms - Nick Cave
What Can I Do - The Corrs
Ain't No Sunshine - Bill Withers
Black is the Colour - Traditional
Bubbly - Colbie Caillat

Instrumental Pieces:

Pachelbel's Canon (Canon in D Major) - Pachelbel (Classical)
My Heart Will Go On - Horner/Jennings (Theme from Titanic)
Greensleeves - Traditional (English)
Morning Song from Peer Gynt - Grieg (Classical)
Flower Duet Song from Lakmé - Delibes (Classical)
Preludio No. 11 - Bach (Classical)
Give Me Your Hand - Rory Dall O Cathlain (Scottish)
Minuet - Bach (Classical)
The Banks of the Suir - Traditional (Irish)
Eleanor Plunkett - O'Carolan (Irish)
Farewell - Traditional (Scottish)
Star of County Down - Traditional (Irish)
Planxty Irwin - O'Carolan (Irish)



Testimonials...

'Dearest Jharda, thank you so much for providing such a wonderful soundtrack to our ceremony. We had the perfect day and your music really set the scene.'

The fact that we were able to include the songs of our choices (THANK YOU for the work you did on them!) and your own beautiful songs, meant such a great deal to us and I will never forget the moments before I walked down the aisle... standing with my Dad, grasping hands, full of nerves, listening to your voice and the harp, before entering to a room full of my nearest and dearest... and of course, Rob :) No words can ever express how grateful we are to have you have had you be such a significant part of our special day!'

Lucy & Rob Donald, April 24th 2010

'We were thrilled with the performance that Jharda gave on our wedding day; we were especially pleased that she was able to learn the particular songs that we had requested. To find a singing harpist is so unusual and this did not go unnoticed by our guests who greatly enjoyed both her instrumental music as they were arriving, and her songs which were the perfect soundtrack to our drinks reception. Jharda was professional, accommodating and reliable, and we would recommend her to any couple looking for a musician guaranteed to make their special day just that little bit more special!'

Sally & Greg Wilson, May 1st 2010

'Jharda enchanted the audience with her haunting voice and melodic strings, delicately evoking a strange desire to dance in the royal courts of Henry VIII.'

Jo & Jamie from The Met Bar, September 26th, 2009

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