

Lee Roy James



The natter and the patter

If you could use the term "Serving your time" in show business it would aptly apply to Lee Roy James. At the age of 13, he was playing in a group in his native Southern Ireland. At the age of 20, he turned professional with what was a phenomenon of the 60's & 70's - The Irish show bands. After a few years, the desire to be a solo performer dominated him and he made the decision to come to Britain. Within a short time he was an established singer of note. He was always in demand supporting many top names in the clubs. After a few summer seasons on mainland England Lee Roy went to the Isle of Man to do a summer season and ended up doing 9 continuous seasons! At his peak, he was performing an amazing 27 shows a week. It was here that he found his natural laid back humour could easily make the audience laugh, and with that in mind, following a detour home from Germany, he landed on the Costa Del Sol, where

Lee Roy James has got an abundance of talent and material. He regularly makes the top ten in the Irish independent charts, and indeed writes most of his own music. As a performer, he is capable of over 2 hours of entertainment, mixing clean Irish humour and anecdotes, with easy listening music, and even taking requests from the audience to play on guitar. Spending several years on the Costa Del Sol, Lee Roy became the reason why so many holidaymakers returned, year after year. His trademark slogan, "the natter and the patter" was born in Spain. The consummate professional, Lee Roy James is an artiste you can rely on. As he once said, "it's my job to try to please the audience, and I give them 100% - the most important people are the audience."

A very easy going gentleman, one promoter was known to say that he is so laid back, he should be propped up! It takes a lot of professionalism to earn an accolade like that. Lee Roy James has also performed in the Channel Islands and in the United States (Florida & Nashville) and was equally successful in making the people of America fall prey to his humour and that is not an easy thing to do. In 2003, once again, he was asked to entertain at an annual Irish festival in New York. More recently, he has worked on the Airtours circuit, regularly flying out to Spain, and is a cruise ship regular – ideally suited to his style. You can book Lee Roy James as an after dinner raconteur, as a stand up comedian, or in cabaret, where he can utilise his amazing vocal talents.

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A showbiz journalist once wrote an article after watching Lee Roy on stage “I can only describe him as a comedian who is a brilliant singer or a singer who is a brilliant comedian because he does them both so well. Just show him the stage give him his acoustic guitar and leave the rest to him. A truly great solo artiste.”

CV.

Ten summer seasons in the Isle of Man.

Twelve years working venues in mainland Spain, The Balearics and Canary Islands. Appearing regularly on English language programs on TV and radio.

Appearances in Nashville, Florida and resorts in the Catskill Mountains in the U.S.A.

Worked in Germany on military bases.

In the UK Lee Roy has worked for Warner Hotels, Pontin’s and Butlin’s as well as regularly appearing in theatres, clubs and at dinners and functions.

In the past two years he has had trips to Cyprus and been cruising.

As a songwriter and recording artiste Lee Roy James has had hits on independent country music stations in Australia, Holland, Germany and Nashville. A duet he wrote with his writing buddies which he sang with Amanda Norman Sell (first overall winner of stars in their eyes) called You’re the One was nominated for British country song of the year 2001.

But Lee Roy is happiest when he is performing his own show making people laugh and even sing along.