

"Affectionate and skillful. Long may John continue"

SIR RICHARD STILGOE



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JAKE THACKRAY

LES BARKER

A HILARIOUS CELEBRATION OF THE WORK OF TWO OF OUR
FINEST AND FUNNIEST SONGWRITER POETS

PERFORMED LIVE BY

**JOHN
WATTERSON**

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CELEBRATION

Without JAKE...

Jake Thackray's satirical, witty, sentimental, hilarious songs brought him fame and extensive television exposure as well as a string of top selling albums in the 60s and 70s. He was a uniquely gifted songwriter who brought comparisons with Flanders and Swann and even the billing of the 'North Country Noel Coward'. Greatly missed by all his fans following his untimely death in 2002, his legacy of scores of superb songs continues to delight audiences of all ages today.



"I am sure my dear friend Jake would be delighted"

JASPER CARROTT

Without LES...

Before turning his hand to poetry, Mancunian Les Barker was a chartered accountant, but soon discovered that his real talent was in writing silly poems, which he would perform at local folk clubs. He toured America and Australia and his genius and silliness were treasured everywhere. His poems set to music were recorded by the US folk singer Tom Paxton and the English folk group Waterson:Carthy, and many others. The Financial Times praised his work as "a blend of Edward Lear nonsense, Stanley Unwin wordplay, the surreal inconsequentiality of Reeves and Mortimer and the demonic robustness of Stanley Holloway monologues".



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...With JOHN

John Watterson's celebration of the life and work of both Jake and Les and is full of the warmth, humour and sincerity you might expect from a lifelong fan. His respect for and appreciation of two of this country's finest wordmiths is obvious and the show is a fitting tribute to their genius. John is a talented guitarist and vocalist and has toured with Fairport Convention and, most recently, Jasper Carrott. He has performed a critically acclaimed 20 date show at the Edinburgh Fringe and appeared on numerous national and local radio shows.



"Comic genius combined with downright silliness"

ANTHONY JOHN
CLARKE

John is available to play at clubs, festivals, theatres, house concerts, corporate events, weddings (and even funerals – payment in advance please!)

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