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SUE HARDING

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Biography

Born in London but raised in the Cotswold Hills, Sue can't remember a time when she didn't sing; falling in love with words and poetry, roots and folk music when she studied English at Manchester. Later, living in West Wales and then Bath, Sue found folk clubs and sessions, learning traditional songs, guitar playing and developing her craft. Then she began to write.

"Flight" released in 2016 was Sue's first album of original songs. It was well received with stripped back arrangements and intimate vocals, influenced by a love of American folk music & the poets of the 1960s. Neville Farmer, Music Journalist said, "Wonderful! We felt as if we were hearing the spirit of Laura Nyro, Joan Baez, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Woodie Guthrie and more all rolled into one."

"Darkling", Sue's second album, returns to gentle romanticism with a contemporary folk feel. It celebrates a renewed connection to the English landscape and the late Victorian poetry, which inspires so much of it. "Hauntingly beautiful - A fine example of the new revival in English-style traditional folk music" Julie Nash, Folk & Tumble. "A very accomplished, rewarding listen grounded with great arrangements to hold the listener's attention throughout. Undoubtedly one of my top ten albums of the year" Colin Bodiam, Deep River Records

Sue is working on a third album due for release next year.

Sue records with Josh Clark (Kate Rusby) of Get Real Audio in Bath

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Live shows

Sue Harding is a dynamic solo performer. She writes some joyous upbeat tunes flavoured with Americana themes and folk tales. Her songs combine grit and delicacy to tell stories from an imagined Wild West peopled with bandits and heartbreakers all delivered with 'exemplary guitar playing and exquisite vocals' RnR

There is a retro sensibility to much of Sue's original music but expect a few well chosen covers as well. Sue Harding can fill a stage with just a nylon stringed guitar and that voice, but sometimes brings along a harmony singer and a few friends to create that bigger sound.

NOTABLE SHOWS

Bath and West Show 2022
South Cerney Street IFair 2023
Tucker's Grave Cider Festival 2023
Priddy IFolk Festival 2023
The Bell Inn
Folk in the Garden Brockley Max Festival 2022/2023



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FLIGHT
Album - 2016



DARKLING
Album - 2022



HYDRA
Single - 2021



Johnny SLIM
Single - 2016



**VERSES FROM
THE GULF**
Single - 2016



Angel Ridge
Single - 2016

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'That English Arcadia where the shadows lie, the music a dappled amalgam of Nick Drake and Virginia Astley.'

- [The Financial Times](#)

"Darkling, by Sue Harding deserves to get noticed. With her unique voice, sensitivity, intelligence and heartfelt delivery, this is a hauntingly beautiful album, that harkens back to a time long since passed..... it is a fine example of the new revival in English-style traditional folk music."

- [Folk and Tumble](#)

"There is a timelessness to Darkling, sensitive songwriting, exquisite vocals and exemplary guitar playing."

- [RnR](#)

"a lovely rhythm, lovely guitar playing and fairytale images in the lyrics. Here and there I could hear little country music overtones – definitely a sit up and listen moment. There is a real sincerity in her artistry..."

- [Pal Carter - Folk London 2022](#)

"A very accomplished, rewarding listen grounded with great arrangements to hold the listener's attention throughout. Undoubtedly one of my top ten albums of the year"

- [Colin Bodiam, Deep River Records](#)

"Her voice is one of those personal ones, unique with a heartfelt delivery that creates a haunting beauty. The songs themselves have a slightly retro (60/70) sensibility yet the album's concept is actually rooted in English landscape and Victorian poetry. So what you get is a gentle romanticism in this primarily finger-picked work. But she also ventures onto 50's blues and rock ballads."

- [Review of DARKLING in Spirit of Progressive Rock](#)

"A class album by a sensational performer"

- [Liverpool Sound](#)

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