



RAY THOMPSON

Ray Thomas Thompson: A Journey Through Music

Born on October 17th, 1968, in Medolmsley, Durham, Ray Thomas Thompson is the second of four siblings with two younger brothers and an older sister. At the age of seven, his family moved from Medolmsley to Corby, Northants where he spent his childhood playing football for his school and a local youth team. Ray had a passion for sports and even went on to trial at Leicester City FC.

However, as Ray approached the end of his school years, his love for music began to grow and take over his interest in football. A turning point in his musical journey came after the tragic loss of a close friend who died in a motorbike accident. This friend was instrumental in inciting Ray's interest in the guitar, which he taught himself using books and later, under the tutelage of a local guitar teacher, Tony South.

In 1985, Ray started an engineering apprenticeship and joined his first band "Play the Joker," which played original material. After a short time, the band members went their separate ways and Ray formed a new band called "Body n Soul." With his new four-piece band, Ray played a mixture of classic tunes and original material that he had written.

By the age of 18, Ray had married and was expecting his first child, and with work commitments and family taking precedence, he put music on hold for a time. After being made redundant during the Thatcher years, Ray furthered his education by attending De Montfort University and studying Electrical Engineering. In 2000, Ray had another son, and in 2004, he moved his family to Melbourne, Australia. While in Melbourne, Ray continued to write and play music, but he faced many challenges, including serious neurological surgery and a broken wrist. He finally returned to England in 2009, after his marriage ended and to give support to his daughter who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

In 2011, Ray started a covers band called the "Desperados" with an old friend, and in 2014, he recorded his first solo album "Onwards n Upwards." Although he was not completely satisfied with the singing and arrangements, the album was released by NUB Records. In 2016, Ray recorded his second album "Corby Boy" with some old friends, but the album was never released due to a band member retiring.

During the lockdown in 2020, Ray discovered a new passion for the piano and has been developing his skills ever since. In 2021, after a motorcycle accident, Ray realized it was time to take his music seriously and is now working on his third album "No Regrets." With a back catalogue of songs, Ray is determined to record, promote, and perform his new album before arthritis sets in.

Life may make us put others first, but eventually, the hunger and thirst for what we truly want to do becomes unbearable. Ray Thomas Thompson is a testament to following your dreams, no matter how old you are, and never giving up on what you truly love.

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Short Bio - A

Ray Thomas Thompson is a talented singer-songwriter from Kettering, UK. He taught himself to play the guitar and has formed several bands throughout his career. In 2014, he recorded his first solo album "Onwards n Upwards". Since 2022, he has been collaborating with the Parlour Recording Studio in Kettering to enhance his recordings and is now actively working on new music projects with other local musicians. Ray plans to regularly release new songs and albums in the near future.

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