

## KEEPING "LIVE" MUSIC LIVE

These days, it seems, more and more solo musicians and small formations use backing tracks for playing live. When performing, Huw will use a drum machine (controlled with foot pedals, not playing by itself) to keep the beat but he never uses a backing track, an mp3, a lap top, or a "clever" arranger keyboard that plays by itself. He feels that this would be cheating his audience. When you hear Huw play, every note is sung or played LIVE.

"I cannot understand why audiences or employers will tolerate "live" music acts playing along to backing tracks. I thought that Karaoke was "out" by the 90s (thank God!) and if you really want to hear a song that sounds EXACTLY like the CD, then why not buy the CD and stay at home to listen to it? I even avoid reading music or texts when I perform for an audience. For me LIVE MUSIC should be delivered from the heart, not from a book and most certainly not by a computer!"

*Huw :-). . . . . (sorry for ranting!)*