

## Press Release

### Fake Thackray to open for Fairport

The UK's top folk rock band, Fairport Convention, have invited Fake Thackray (aka John Watterson) to support them on their winter 2013 six-week nationwide tour.

Jake Thackray became famous in the 60's and 70's performing witty, satirical and hilarious songs on BBC TV's 'That's Life' and he had a string of top selling albums and thousands of appearances before his untimely death in 2002.



John Watterson has been performing Jake Thackray's songs for many years but only recently gave up the day job to perform as 'Fake Thackray'. His heartfelt and humorous tribute to this unique British songwriter has won him accolades from many fellow performers including Ralph McTell, Dave Pegg, Anthony John Clarke, Luke Wright (BBC Radio 4 Poet), and Harvey Andrews. He has also performed for members of Jake's family.

The Fairport support spot is highly prized on the folk circuit and John was delighted to be invited. "Jake's work is pure genius, and the lyrics are timeless. His songs are warmly appreciated by audiences of all ages, and it is a privilege to perform them" he says, adding, "Also, after working 30 years in the laundry business, I got the great pleasure of being able to call my sons to tell them that their old Dad was going on tour!".

Dave Pegg of Fairport says "When I heard John's CD I was convinced it was Jake. We are delighted that John is opening for us. He will be a hard act to follow!"

The Fake Thackray website is [www.fakethackray.com](http://www.fakethackray.com) which includes video and sound clips and contact details.

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