

Wayne Devlin, The New Tony Bennett

Wayne Devlin Keeping the Great American Songbook Alive



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Wayne Devlin, a seasoned crooner and celebrated figure in the jazz and swing genre, has been captivating audiences with his heartfelt renditions of the Great American Songbook. Drawing high praise as the "new Tony Bennett," Devlin is not just a local treasure; he's a global sensation who has dedicated his career to preserving and promoting the timeless classics that have defined American music.

Wayne's journey into the heart of the Great American Songbook began with his admiration for Tony Bennett, whom he once had the honour of meeting after a performance in Manchester.

Bennett's influence on Wayne's career is undeniable. "Tony Bennett is the epitome of a crooner," says Devlin, "and to be compared to him is the highest compliment I could ever receive." This admiration isn't just words—Wayne has gone so far as to organise a 24-hour marathon performance of Bennett's classics, raising £9,000 for the Alzheimer's Society, in honour of Bennett's battle with the disease in those 24 hours.

Performing in prestigious venues from Las Vegas' Flamingo and Golden Nugget casinos to New York's vibrant jazz scene, Wayne Devlin has proven time and again that he is more than just a performer—he

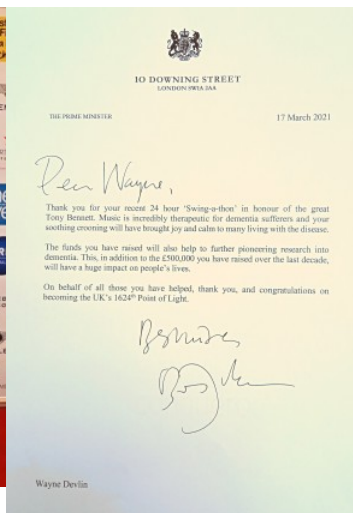
is a torchbearer of a beloved musical tradition. His performances are not mere imitations; they are heartfelt tributes that breathe new life into songs that have shaped the history of music.

Despite years in the industry, Devlin is being hailed as "the next big thing," a title that acknowledges not only his talent but also his dedication to the craft. His upcoming projects include a television documentary titled "The Crooner," which will delve into the rich history of crooning from its early days to the present, further solidifying his role as a key figure in the preservation of this genre.

In Manchester, Devlin continues to charm audiences with regular performances at local venues like Mulino, where he celebrated Bennett's 96th birthday by serenading patrons with a night dedicated to the Great American Songbook. Wayne's deep connection to these songs, his community, and his craft has earned him not only the respect of his peers but also prestigious honors, including a British Citizen Award for his contributions to the arts and charity, personal invites from the late Queen to Buckingham Palace and the former Prime Minister Boris Johnson to 10 Downing Street and commendations from the Irish Premiere and HRH The Duke of Kent.

As Wayne Devlin continues to honour the legacy of Tony Bennett and the Great American Songbook, he remains a figure to watch, a crooner whose voice transcends time and whose passion for the music is as enduring as the songs he sings.

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