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:: Biography ::**SIMILAR ARTISTS:**

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Shawn Harvey, Shawn Harvey, talented singer, songwriter, guitarist, multi-instrumentalist and producer, was born in Plymouth, England, and grew up in a small tin-mining town in Cornwall to the sounds of Rock'n'Roll, Blues, Country, Rock and Glam, a love for which shines through in his music to this day. He started playing guitar and writing songs at the age of 13.

Shawn has developed his own distinctive style, taking bits from his early influences and adding a dose of his own personality. The result is Rock'n'Roll as original as a 50's original and every bit as exciting.

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His live performances are electric and show his musical talent as a singer and guitarist. Years of working on the road with a Rock'n'Roll band from as early as 14 have made him a true pro and it shows at gigs.

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But when in the studio, Shawn's biggest talent of all shines through: the ability to write exciting, catchy songs and produce potentially chart topping tunes.

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Being a competent photographer and video editor, Shawn has a clear idea of his image and gets involved in the art direction of all his projects.

Several UK TV and Radio stations have already noticed his talent and featured him. His music and photos have been included in a special Demo version of the popular Strip Kittens MP3 player programme.

Shawn's international chart success on the internet, repeated Top

20 chart positions, with several worldwide No. 1's on sites such as Besonic and Soundclick, indicate the commercial viability and universal appeal of his music.

Some of the highlights of Shawn's career so far (when not gigging or recording):

1995: Recorded first album "Night Of Passion" with his band The Flat Top Cats on a Prince's Trust grant

1997: Shawn and The Flat Top Cats were made honorary members of the Cynon Valley Cancer Research

Committee after raising nearly £700 in one year for charity from album sales, signings and performing

at the local carnival

1997: Launch of Flat Top Cats Fan Club

1997: Shawn split from the band to pursue a solo career as singer/songwriter

1998: Wrote space musical "Zog", an ongoing project to date

1998: Featured on Valleys Radio, an hour long program about Shawn with live interview

1999: Launched www.shawnharvey.com due to ever-growing demand of fans

2000: Several songs from latest album "Cyberoxin" included in playlist of Falmouth FM

2001: Recording of Wild Wild Woman demo CD at Monroe's Studios, London

2001: Performance at the launch party of Popshow, the popular London showcase

2001: Featured on the Chris Young Show, Taunton TV, a 45 minute special on Shawn with live interviews

and performances of Wild Wild Woman and Don't Leave Me Baby

2001: Performance of Wild Wild Woman on the Blue Whale Show, Men And Motors TV

2002: Filmed by ATIT Productions for the C4 pilot "Thank You For The Music". A film crew of 7 travelled to

Cornwall for 2 days of location shooting

2002: Obtained more funding from Prince's Youth Trust for purchase of recording equipment and

instruments

2002: Guested with Dutch Rock'n'Roll band The Explosion Rockets; performed 3 of his own songs, which

are now part of the Rocket's permanent repertoire

2003: Returned to perform at Popshow on the same bill with Gina G; was voted 3rd most popular act on the

night

2004: Signed by Kissy Music

2004: Filmed videos to I Travelled Along, Anna Marie and Wild Wild Woman

2004: Wrote film soundtrack to American movie Deadly Desires

2004: Wild Wild Woman was pre-released at Cannes Film Festival with good response

2004: Released Wild Wild Woman CD on the Kissy Music label

2004: Wild Wild Woman hits No.2 in France and No.7 in the USA in the Besonic internet charts

2004: 6th November, filming of live video at the Virginia Creepers Club, The Water Rats Theatre, London

2004: 1st December, recording session at Mill Hill Studios, London, for the forthcoming album,

featuring famous session guitarist Albert Lee and produced by Boz Boorer, Morrissey band.

2004: Endorsement of Shine guitars. Shawn is the official face for Shine in 2005

2004: 25th December, gig at the Millenium Dome, London for the homeless charity Crisis Open Christmas

2005: 10th March, recording session at Berry Hill studios for forthcoming album. Produced by John David, ex

Dave Edmunds band and Love Sculpture

Plans for the future:

2005: Release of Country/Rockabilly album "In The Hills" in the USA, Canada and Ireland

2005: Filming of 2151 video and release of same single for the European clubbing market

2005: International Radio and TV promotion

2005: Several live appearances, dates t.b.c

2005: Negotiations with major record labels regarding large scale distribution and promotion

2005+: UK and European tours, international promotion, second album release

Some interesting facts:

- Shawn's great great grandfather, Jack Rowling, deep sea diver from Falmouth, Cornwall, was the favourite

subject of the painter Henry Scott Tuke. His painting "The Promise", depicting Jack and a young girl,

features on the 12" cover of the 1980's hit The Back Of Love by Echo And The Bunnymen

- As a young boy, Shawn went along to the first ever audition for Stars In Their Eyes. Not realising it was a

show for impersonators, he brought his guitar and played a Rock'n'Roll tune. The producer was so

impressed with his performance that he advised Shawn to go out there and develop his own act instead.

- Shawn's favourite guitar is his Fender Jaguar signed by Hank Marvin.

- Shawn's musical inspirations are as diverse as Dave Edmunds, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Blondie,

Creedence Clearwater Revival, Dwight Yoakam, Shania Twain, Pink, Aqua, Billy Idol, Transvision Vamp....

- Shawn's song catalogue at Kissy Music stands at over 450 selfwritten works to date, and growing....

- As a teenager, Shawn was an extra in a pop video by Shakin' Stevens, What Do You Want To Make Those

Eyes At Me For , also featuring the then not so famous Vic Reeves

- In 2001, Shawn was a film extra in the BBC production Pandaemonium, starring John Hanna and Linus

Roache. You can catch a brief glimpse of Shawn as a sailor in the opening scene