

# Merv & Maria

This father and daughter duo come from a tiny village just outside King's Lynn in one of the most rural parts of west Norfolk. Between them they have many years experience and for both of them Country music is truly in their hearts.

Merv, or Mervyn J Futter as he is better known, is a familiar face on the Country music scene. He has had the opportunity to support some of the biggest names working throughout the British Isles.

He has been involved in music nearly all his life, starting off in the early 1970s in a rock and blues band called Barnaby, then moving into the folk clubs before joining Spring Fever, a function band, in the late 1970s. It was after his time in Spring Fever he realised that Country music was his real love and decided to go it alone - which was the start of Mervyn J Futter.

Mervyn didn't look back, winning a number of awards and playing at clubs and festivals all over the UK. His recording of 'You Are No Angel' became a national dance floor favourite and he soon became one of the most popular acts on the Country circuit. Apart from writing his own songs, he also became a popular

vocalist. At the age of 21, Merv & Maria were working together full time.

They now run their own Country Music Fun Weekends three times a year and have just teamed up with Ollie Austin in an exciting venture which will take them on a theatre tour as part of Ollie Austin's All Star Country Band. The show features a live five piece band with full harmony behind Ollie's golden rich, smooth voice singing classic Country.

Merv & Maria have gone from strength to strength, gaining a large following and making many friends along the way. Their work has taken them to many theatres, festivals and Country music clubs around the UK working alongside some of the biggest names to date.

Their choice of material 'real Country' reflects their true love for Country music and



comper and stage manager working at a number of the largest festivals around the UK.

Maria grew up around Country music. With the sounds of Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris and Ricky Skaggs filling the house there was never going to be any other way. From the age of five, Maria attended many of the festivals or clubs her father appeared in and her love for Country music soon became apparent.

At the age of 13, Maria started to learn to play the bass guitar and showed an interest in joining her father. At the age of 15 she began singing.

It wasn't until Maria was 16 though, that she started to join her father at the odd venue for a couple of songs and over time they started to add more and more songs to the show, along with backing



their experience will guarantee you a wonderful evening. Although they will not play pop, techno or disco, they can play for line or partner dance, freestyle, concert or theatre.

Merv & Maria are really looking

forward to the future. In fact 2008 is already going to be a very big year for Maria. In April she runs in the London marathon in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, a charity very close to her heart and August brings an even more special day as Maria gets married to Fergus Lynch which will be both an emotional and very big family occasion. Merv & Maria already have plenty planned for 2008 and even more planned for 2009. They are working hard at adding more and more 'old Country' into their live show, along with planning a long awaited new album. The future is looking very bright for Merv & Maria.

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