

Steve Cherelle is probably one of the UK's most charismatic and successful performers to grace the British Country scene in the past decade.

Steve grew up in Billericay, Basildon, Essex where, when he was a child, aspired to become a school teacher but as everyone knows, that wasn't the case and he went on to become a successful performer and BBC radio presenter.

At the tender age of seven, Steve entered a talent competition at one of the local holiday camps where he sang the John Denver song, Annie's Song, which won him first prize. It was soon after this that his parents bought him a guitar and keyboard which he soon learned to play.

At 18 Steve left college where he studied drama and music to become a Bluecoat working at Seacroft Holiday Village, Great Yarmouth, which he did for three years before taking his talents to Rhodes, Greece where he worked as a dj and compere. It was during his time out there that he realised he really could sing and after a season in Spain, where he worked as a cabaret singer he decided to change direction totally and focus more on his singing.

In 1995 he became professional after extensive touring, releasing four albums and collecting three BBC Radio Awards and auditioning



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for Stars In Their Eyes. In this popular tv show he performed as John Denver and was an immediate hit with the studio audience and the viewers. There is no doubting Steve's vocal resemblance to John Denver.

His workload grew in leaps and bounds, clubs, pubs, theatres and private functions, the offers came flooding in. Through his membership of the John Denver fan club, he met singer/songwriter Wes Cardy, who introduced him to the British Country music scene. He was soon embraced by a whole new legion of fans and began to tour the club and festival circuit.

Yet another step up the ladder of success for Steve was in the winter of 1998 when he was invited to join Forever In Blue Jeans, a high-class professional touring show that encapsulated the whole world of Country music from Hank Williams to Jim Reeves, Patsy Cline to Shania Twain, Johnny Cash to John Denver. The show played the major theatre circuit throughout the UK and proved to be another important stepping stone for Steve and his career.

His first major tour was with Tamara Stewart, a dynamic Country singer/songwriter from Australia.

Wonderful Todays, his first cd was released to wide acclaim, and was

nominated for the 1998 UK Country Radio Awards, in two categories, Best cd and Best Song. He won both which spurred him to approach two musicians, drummer John Skelton and lead guitarist Adam Cartwright, to form his own band.

His second album, Fallin' In Fallin' Out, proved to be even more of a winner. On 4th February 2001, the title tune was named Song of the Year at the UK Country Radio Awards.

Something of a prolific writer, Steve has many excellent, original songs in his repertoire including So Many Love Songs and Where The Trees Are Green.

Through his own songwriting talents, heart felt vocal skills, and natural stage presence, Steve has proved himself to be a unique entertainer set to make his very own mark with the public at large. Many listeners can hear Steve every Sunday if they tune into BBC Radio Essex where they can listen to him from noon until 3pm.

You can check out Steve spinning his new and classic songs, interviews and competitions. Steve says he enjoys doing his show because it is fun, and on occasions he gets to meet some of his listeners. You can hear Steve by tuning into 103.5 and 95.3 FM or via the internet.