

CIRRICULUM VITAE

Chris Hoskins

Poet - Songwriter - Singer - Arranger

Poetry

2008 Broadcast by www.audiobookradio.net internet radio station of 4 poems and two monologues twice daily for a two week period

2008 published in many high profile Literary and Arts Magazines including Aesthetica, Transmission, The Dawntreader and many many more!

2007 Commissioned by Poetry on Loan Birmingham to write a poem for readers to take away on a post card. This is available now from all libraries throughout the West Midlands. The post card is published by Poetry on Loan.

www.midlandcreative.co.uk

2007 Published by Aesthetica magazine 'Waking in a Strange Place'

http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/aesthetica/mag_contents.htm

2007 Poem short listed for The Leeds poetry Peace competition.

2007 Short Story adapted for a theatre piece by CockandBull productions which was performed on stage at two venues in London.

http://www.mertonabbeymills.org.uk/index.php?option=com_thyme&calendar=2&category=0&d=28&m=7&y=2007&Itemid=63&event=13&instance=2007-7-26

2007 Poem published by Symphony Hall Birmingham inspired by the day I sang there. <http://www.thsh.co.uk/page/symphony-hall-birmingham/poetry/the-sounds-of-dew/>

2006 Winner of the Amnesty International Poetry competition (Birmingham) in support of their campaign to raise awareness of and stop violence towards women. The poem is published by Amnesty International.

2006 Runner Up of the Ottakar's poetry competition

2005 Short listed for BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Poet Laureate

2005 Published by Transmission magazine 'Designer Label'
www.transmission.org

2004 Series of Monologues 'relatively speaking' completed and recorded onto CD. These are now on sale and also available for loan to general public at Solihull Library. Readings of the monologues are carried out on request.

2004 Selected by BBC R4 to take part in their regional master class EarCandy that culminated in an evening performance at MAC. Producer Emma Thomas from BBC R4 facilitated the day which was funded by the BBC.

2004 ran and co-ordinated 'Pass the Poem' a project run as part of Coventry Peace month. This was a huge success and the poem may be viewed on Coventry City Council website. www.coventrycitycouncil.co.uk/peace and an extract of the poem and my own poem for peace can be viewed on the Talking Birds virtual tablecloth at www.talkingbirds.co.uk/twin

Other writing **The Twin Set** for Talking Birds included in their Virtual Fringe project and publication may also be viewed on their website.

Winner of the Hertfordshire Poetry Competition

The winning poem **Loose Change** was displayed on all the public transport in Hertfordshire in an attempt to take literature out in to the community.

Winner of the BBC Radio Bedfordshire Poetry Competition

Winning poem **The Peacock** read on Radio and published by them.

Invited Poet in Residence for twelve months at a Psychiatric hospital in Hertfordshire with a group of patients who had been the subject of a Channel 4 documentary 'Out of their Minds'.

My brief was to carry the group forward following this venture. A booklet of poetry 'Swings and Roundabouts' was produced at the end of the residency.

Poetry Readings and Workshops given to groups and mixed audiences by invitation

Completed a series of rhyming books for children

Short stories

2007- 'Ask the wrong questions' published in Transmission magazine
<http://www.transmissionhq.org/blog/2007/transmission-08-out-now/>

Song writing -arranging and lyric writing

2008 Song for Round Singing ‘Can you see the new moon Rising’ included in **To Grace the Earth** publication by NVPN... now available.

A small selection of my songs can be heard on the website. Please go to www.chrishoskins.co.uk/popularmusic.html or arrangements or accappella for sound clips.

2007-2008 Songs written and arranged for Free Harmony to perform see www.chrishoskins.co.uk/freeharmony.html for sound clips

2006 Collaboration with Ian Abbott see www.chrishoskins.co.uk/popularmusic.html

2006 Anthem written collaboratively for Global Harmony choir Melton Mowbury www.globalharmony.org.uk to hear audio clip

2004-2006 Employed by Coventry Arts Music Department and the Performing Arts Service Coventry teaching **Song writing courses**.

Workshops run on a very informal basis, but with clear structure and objectives.

2003 Winner of the Ba’hai song writing competition with song ‘When I think World’

Song Hungry for Change was adopted by Oxfam for the campaign and was used for fund raising events.

The song was recorded by **BBC radio Bedfordshire** and received extensive radio coverage together with radio interviews.

Song ‘Africa Preaches’ given extensive radio coverage by BBC

Song ‘Listen to the Children’ written and recorded as part of cd for Children in Need’ project

Songs written for Children used by local Children’s entertainer as part of his act and used in conjunction with his Summer School and Radio Show.

Song for ‘round’ singing used by Coventry WorldSong’ choir.. www.worldsong.co.uk

Songs written and arranged for three part harmony for choirs and a’cappella groups I also arrange many of the songs performed by the groups I run.

See www.chrishoskins.co.uk/acappella.html for a small selection of these.

2007 Harmony Singing Workshop ran at Warwick Arts Centre using all original

material especially written and arranged for three part harmony.

Numerous songs written for and performed by a variety of artists in different settings

Singing

Member of the Natural Voice Practitioners' Network and Sound Sense

These networks are a place where members are able to gain invaluable support and advice and offers the facility to share common experiences and songs. They keep us abreast of current news that may impact on us as Community Musicians.

Harmony singer since childhood.

Sang harmony with my sister Elaine for many years performing at events and Eisteddfods in Wales and also sang with the chapel choir during my childhood.

2008 I regularly keep my own singing voice and professional development skills updated and am currently undertaking a **Conducting Course with Sing for Pleasure**

I currently run two singing groups that have evolved from **Singing for the Terrified**. **One group in** Coventry is called **'One Voice'** and one in Nuneaton **'No Strings'** which go from strength to strength. Many members of the group have now gained sufficient confidence to sing in choirs independently of our group. We have given one concert and another is planned in May.

2007-2008 Commissioned by Annamation www.annamation.co.uk to work with them in preparation for their forthcoming tour. The group use world music and harmonies that weave throughout their storytelling.

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Choir Leader of Redditch Voices choir January 2006-2007. This is a choir attached to Kingsley College which has Performing Arts college status.

Singing workshops run as part of **International Women's week 2006-2008** in Coventry.

2005 Commissioned by BBC Coventry and Warwickshire to work with a member of the public on their Liz'll Fix It programme to enable a member of the public to sing in public.

Currently singing with Coventry based a'cappella trio Free Harmony and am the founder member of this group. We perform at numerous events in the region. In the past I have sung with several a'cappella groups and choirs.

Solo singer singing my own material for 10 years appearing at a variety of venues across the country.

Many songs given radio time with the BBC and also performed by other artists

One to one vocal tuition and singing workshops given on a regular basis.