



DON'T FRET

Guitar Vocal Duo

BIOGRAPHY

An Introduction...

Faye Phillips and Darren Neal are Don't Fret, a vivacious and talented music duo comprising lead and harmony vocals, driving live guitar, a formidable repertoire of great song arrangements and a visually stunning computer controlled light show.

With a massive collective experience, both worldwide and in the UK, Don't Fret bring a fresh explosive dimension to live duo music. Adapting to many audience scenarios, they mix classic rock and pop hits spanning decades with a polished energetic presentation that will have everyone singing along and dancing all night.

Combined with a proven dynamic of excellent musicianship, an unrivalled sound and natural friendly audience rapport, this makes Don't Fret the perfect choice for an evening of top live music suitable for occasions and venues requiring upbeat professional entertainment.

The Trio Option...



SYNERGY

Take Don't Fret, add Jodie to the mix and you get two breathtaking voices blending soaring lead and harmony vocals, another flamboyant personality, the backing of superb live guitar and an unforgettable journey through the old and not so old soul classics. Covering Motown, R&B, the funky soul sounds of the 60's/70's up to the feel good pop of the 2000s, there's something for everyone.

The Personnel...



Faye Phillips

Faye has the experience, infectious personality, high energy presentation, and versatile powerful voice to set her apart as a vocalist and all round entertainer. Possessing a natural and friendly rapport with her audiences she has a passion for making sure every person in the room has a great time. With extensive international cabaret & management experience, she is a true professional.



Jodie Job

Jodie's fresh powerfully soulful voice is breathtaking and she takes both lead and harmony roles with ease and exquisite precision within the trio. Having previously been lead female vocalist at two high profile holiday centres, she possesses a wide vocal range, backed up by solid experience in performance of production shows. A very cheeky & cheerful performer!



Darren Neal

Darren's wide musical influences and extensive knowledge of audio visual technology enable him to mould an original and distinctive live sound and stunning computerised light show for the duo. A seasoned live guitarist and musician with over twenty years of experience in stage and session work, he provides a driving instrumental and vocal backing for Faye.

Strengths...

- ★ **Many Years Performance Experience In A Variety Of Venues To Diverse Audiences Of All Age Groups**
- ★ **High Energy Presentation and Excellent Musicianship**
- ★ **Friendly Audience Rapport and Public Relation Skills**
- ★ **Extensive Repertoire, Updated Regularly, and Covering Popular Styles of Contemporary Music From The Last Six Decades**
- ★ **Professional Quality and Reliable PA and Lighting That Is Tested Annually**

Repertoire...

Don't Fret pride themselves on being versatile and provide a good variation of musical styles and songs during a performance that cover many decades of popular music. Adept at 'feeling out the room' they aim to please audiences of all ages and tastes. Their full repertoire currently contains over 250 songs, updated regularly. With adequate notice they will happily include your special song into their performance.

Established Clients...

- ✓ Crowne Plaza Hotels
- ✓ P&O Cruise Ferries
- ✓ Haven Holidays
- ✓ Park Resorts
- ✓ Parkdean Holidays
- ✓ Richardson's Group

Perfect For...

- ✓ Weddings
- ✓ Military Functions
- ✓ Casinos, Clubs, Pubs
- ✓ Corporate Functions
- ✓ Holiday Parks
- ✓ Birthday Parties
- ✓ Formal Dinner Dances



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The Management Option...

Don't Fret have been combining musical entertainment with entertainment management for five years, offering a complete solution to venues requiring a professionally co-ordinated programme of excellent entertainment and music.

Predominantly with Parkdean Holidays at St. Minver (2004), Newquay (2005), Nairn Lochloy (Scotland 2006) and culminating in 2008 at Summerfields Holiday Village for Richardson's Holiday Group in Norfolk. This experience has led to a developed understanding of the core skills involved in running a varied and customer pleasing program of high quality entertainment.

The program is delivered in a motivated manner with flexibility to customer feedback and the ideas presented by colleagues. Having an extensive musical background is invaluable and ensures the inclusion of Production Shows, Karaoke, Talent Competitions, Theme Nights, as well as a talented resident duo to provide a fun packed and variety focussed daytime and evening experience for guests.

Coordinating Existing Integral Programs...

Many larger holiday & leisure companies have existing structured programs for entertainment (such as in-house shows and specific children's clubs, activities and character inclusion). Don't Fret have substantial experience of coordinating these programs to the company's specification so you can be confident that these integral programs will be delivered to the same high standard as our own.

A Brief Performance History...

Don't Fret were formed in 1997. Over the years that have passed since there's been 1000s of one night performances, hotel, ship & holiday park residencies and international experience in the Middle East, Europe, New Zealand and Australia. The One Night Performances both nationally and overseas are too vast to list so a summary of major contracts (longer than 3 months) undertaken since 2000 follows:

Year	Position Held	Company & Location
2009	Touring Cabaret	Various Venues – UK Wide, Germany
2008	Management / Resident	Summerfield's Holiday Village, Norfolk
2007	Touring Cabaret	Various Venues – UK Wide, New Zealand
2006	Management / Resident	Parkdean Nairn Lochloy, Nairn, Scotland
2005	Management / Resident	Parkdean Newquay, Newquay, Cornwall
2004	Management / Resident	Parkdean St.Minver, St.Minver, Cornwall
2003	Resident Duo	Parkdean Newquay, Newquay, Cornwall
2002	Touring Cabaret	Various Venues – UK Wide, Australia
2001	Summer - Resident Duo	Haven Holidays Wild Duck, Norfolk
2001	Winter - Resident Duo	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Muscat, Oman
2000	Summer - Resident Duo	Haven Holidays Caister, Norfolk
2000	Winter - Resident Duo	P&O Cruise Ferries, Pride Of Portsmouth
Prior to this - 1998 & 1999 Summer Resident at Haven Caister / Winter P&O Ferries		

Management Skills...

- ★ Construction of Full Program and structured Duty Rota and monitoring of these to ensure Customer Satisfaction.
- ★ Identifying the inherent skills of Team Members and utilizing these strengths to maximize the full guest entertainment experience.
- ★ Encouraging team member's ideas, creating a culture of constant improvement and variety in all areas of the entertainment program.
- ★ Liaison with departmental managers to maximize cross department promotions and areas of potential revenue creation.
- ★ Compilation of reports and customer surveys for head office managers.
- ★ Liaison with third party entertainment agencies and visiting cabaret artistes.





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Frequently Asked Questions...

How long will Don't Fret perform for?

Our standard performance covers three 45 minute sets with breaks. Recorded music during breaks can be provided to ensure a full evening's entertainment. We also offer a Duke Option which consists of a one hour live performance followed by two hours of Karaoke (9000 songs available) to complete the entertainment.

How much do Don't Fret charge?

Pricing varies according to distance of travel, set-up and finish times, the length of time you wish us to play, and the time of year. Please contact your referring agent regarding prices and availability.

Does the duo have their own equipment?

Yes, Don't Fret have a top quality 1.5kw PA and lighting system designed for audiences of up to 200-300 people. For very large venues it may be necessary for us to DI into an existing installed PA system.

Do Don't Fret have any specific requirements?

We are fairly self-sufficient when it comes to preparation but we do request a changing room for getting ready. For use of our full PA and lighting system we also require a performance area of at least 3m width and 2.5m depth within reasonable access of at least two 13amp mains sockets. However, we are flexible and can scale down the system size to suit smaller venues where these requirements can't be met.

How long does it take to set up?

We require about an hour to set up our full audio and lighting system and are happy to liaise regarding convenient times to do so. Where there is awkward access or parking limitations at the venue this set up may take a little longer and we ask that you advise us of this when booking and we will make arrangements to arrive in good time.

How far will the duo travel?

We are based in Norfolk and will travel for up to 2 hours each way free of charge. Beyond that a small fee is added for travel costs. Further afield, we will perform anywhere in the UK, Europe and worldwide with the provision that two separate units of good quality accommodation are provided free of charge as an integral part of the contract.

Does Don't Fret perform special requests?

Yes. With adequate notice, we would be pleased to perform any special song requests you or your guests may have.

Does the duo have insurance against accidents?

Yes, Don't Fret holds public liability insurance of up to £5m and all electrical equipment is PAT tested annually.

What To Do Next...

If you would like to listen to demo songs or require more information about Don't Fret please visit www.dontfretlive.co.uk. This website is agent friendly, for the promotional use of our agents and therefore contains no personal contact details. Any enquiries you may have regarding availability, booking Don't Fret or feedback about any performances, please contact the Agent who referred this CV Brochure to you.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for considering Don't Fret as part of your entertainment and we look forward to meeting you very soon.

Testimonials

"The whole night was so wonderful. You made us feel as if you were really enjoying yourselves with us. I can truly say that you two sound awesome. Many of my guests complimented Faye's powerful voice and cheeky banter but for me Darren's guitar playing was the icing. We requested so many songs and you knew them all. Not sure how many duos could perform a request for a barn dance and in the next breath belt out Guns n Roses and Pink Floyd. I would recommend Don't Fret to anyone planning a party."

**Marcus Burns - 40th Birthday Party
July 2009**

"We would like to say a big thank you for performing at our wedding reception at the Ufford Park Hotel. All of our guests commented on how good you were and the wide variety of songs you played. Thanks also for learning our first dance, you really helped make our day very special."

**John & Christine Fisher - Wedding
February 2009**

"It was a pleasure for us to deal with such professionals who arrived and set up with the minimum of fuss and matched the music perfectly to suit our Valentines Night Dinner Dance. We will have no hesitation in booking them again."

**Bungay Golf Club - Valentines Dance
February 2009**

"The superb performance from Faye and Darren made an exceptional success of our Owners Night Party. We received great feedback about the brilliant songs and amazing sound of these two. By popular demand we'll be booking them again for our end of season party."

**Hopton Holiday Village - Owners Party
March 2007**

Contact Details...

Don't Fret works with some of the best entertainment and booking agencies in the UK. This CV Brochure is for the promotional use of these agents and contains no contact details...

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR
ENQUIRIES ABOUT DON'T FRET**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENT
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