

## **MIKE HANRAHAN BIOG**

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- ⌚ **1977:** Mike began professional career with Maura O'Connell in a duo called TUMBLEWEED performing a mixture of American Country songs from, Gram Parsons, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Richard and Linda Thomson, Neil Young and a few of Mikes own compositions.
- ⌚ **1979:** Joined *Stocktons Wing* on the recording of their second Album 'TAKE A CHANCE' the title taken from one of Mike's songs.
- ⌚ **1982:** Wrote all six songs on Stockton's Wing's ground breaking and critically acclaimed Album 'Light in the Western Sky' including hit songs 'BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR' and 'WALK AWAY'.
- ⌚ **1985:** The Wing release their best selling album to date Stockton's Wing Live 'Take One' again featuring Mike's songs. Over the following ten years other albums were to follow including 'American Special', 'Full Flight', 'Celtic Roots Revival' and 'The Crooked Rose'. These albums included Other hit songs by Mike such as, 'Avondale', 'One Step Closer', 'Hey Marsha', 'Why Wait until Tomorrow' and 'So Many Miles Away'.
- ⌚ **1994:** Mike leaves Stocktons Wing to pursue solo career and also tour and record with *Finbar Furey* throughout the UK.
- ⌚ **1995:** 'SOMEONE LIKE YOU' His first solo album is released in Germany, Switzerland and Holland. All the time Mike continues to tour as a solo artist.
- ⌚ **1997:** *RONNIE DREW* invites Mike to perform with him on his one-man show 'RONNIE I HARDLY KNEW YA'. The show proved great success beginning with a seven week run at Andrews Lane Theatre in Dublin, followed by appearances throughout Ireland and the UK including the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 1998, Israel, Hungary, The Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland and the USA.
- ⌚ **1999:** Produced and Arranged Ronnie's latest CD 'The Humour Is On Me Now'
- ⌚ **2000/1:** Musical Director for the Ronnie Drew and *Eleanor Shanley* collaboration Touring Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Holland and Belgium.
- ⌚ **2001:** Ronnie Drew and Eleanor Shanley live CD 'A Couple More Years'
- ⌚ **2001:** Mike's composition 'Beautiful Affair' voted into Top 75 Irish songs in the history of RTE radio
- ⌚ **2002:** New CD produced by *Sonny Condell* called 'WHAT YOU KNOW'

### **Other commitments**

- ⌚ Chairman IMRO - IRISH MUSIC RIGHTS ORGANISATION
- ⌚ The Ronnie Drew Biography with Keith Donald
- ⌚ Live CD Ronnie and Mike live in Germany.