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Press Release – for immediate release

### **John Cooper Clarke, Britain's best-loved performance poet returns to Worthing!**

John Cooper Clarke shot to prominence in the 1970s as the original 'people's poet'.

His unique poetry was put to music by producer Martin Hannett and a band of Mancunians, The Invisible Girls. Seminal tracks such as *Beasley St* and *Evidently Chickentown* featured on the album *Snap Crackle and Bop*, one of four hit 70/80s album releases. JCC became one of the most prolific artists of the Punk years.

His 1980s poetry collection *10 Years in An Open Necked Shirt* featuring the lyrics to classic tracks from his albums and more, is one of the UK's biggest selling poetry collections of all time.

Since then his career has spanned cultures, audiences, art forms and continents.

Today he performs purely as a stand-up solo poet. His unique poetry show has been touring worldwide for over 15 years.

John's 2018 poetry collection *The Luckiest Guy Alive*. Features 30 new poems, including the favourites *I've Fallen In Love With My Wife* and *Get Back on Drugs you Fat F\*ck*.

Dr John Cooper Clarke's 2019 autobiography, named after his most famous poem *I Wanna Be Yours*, (Macmillan), is a ground-breaking piece of literature. JCC goes into fascinating detail about his early life in Manchester leading up to punk superstardom, drug addiction and then the massive comeback as major poet he enjoys today.

**"One of Britain's outstanding poets"** *Sir Paul McCartney*

**"Fantastically entertaining. As a writer of comic prose Clarke is the match of anyone alive, and his turns of phrase are as sharp as his suits"** *The Times*

**"An immensely entertaining memoir that fizzles with wit...It's impossible not to hear him read every word aloud in your head with that unforgettable Manc drawl"** *NME*



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### **“Riveting”** *The Observer*

**John Cooper Clarke** will be performing at the Assembly Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm. Tickets are available from £21.50. For more information on this or any of the events, visit [www.wtm.uk](http://www.wtm.uk) or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

#### **WTM**

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram: @wtmworthing

Website: [www.wtm.uk/](http://www.wtm.uk/)

Box Office Phone: 01903 206 206

#### **Show**

Website: [johncooperclarke.com/](http://johncooperclarke.com/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/johncooperclarke](https://facebook.com/johncooperclarke)

Twitter: @offical\_jcc

Instagram: @johncooperclarke

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### **EVENT LISTING**

Date: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Assembly Hall

Price: From £21.50

Age guidance: All

Link: <https://wtm.uk/events/dr-john-cooper-clarke-i-wanna-be-yours/>

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