

Introducing

# Mike Silver

*Songwriter • Guitarist • Singer • Entertainer*

***Some treasures lay undiscovered for many years.***

*BOB Harris (BBC Radio2)*



The craft of song writing is not honed overnight. Mike has over 40 years of experience as a writer, singer, guitarist and live performer and has been enjoying a quiet success story throughout the UK and in various territories around the world; his songs give expression to authentic human emotions without becoming sentimental. Signed to Elton John's Rocket Records in 1973, Silver toured the USA supporting **Dory Previn**, and **Ashford and Simpson**. His work as a studio musician and backing vocalist with **Charles Aznavour**, **Chris de Burgh**, **Ralph McTell**, **Ray Thomas** (Moody Blues) and many more is well documented. His ability to write and perform songs, which transcend many guitar and musical styles, was recognised by **Justin Hayward** who recorded Mike's song, "Maybe It's Just Love" on his solo album *Night Flight*.

Even after many years travelling, singing and playing Mike is still fascinated by music, to him it is a never ending voyage of discovery; **"Being able to play music is like having my birthday every day. The size of the audience is irrelevant, 1000 people,**

**100 or 10 it's still the same, it's an exchange of emotions: occasionally, there is that frisson that ripples through them in the very few seconds between the end of the song and the beginning of their applause: it's like an earthquake in your heart".**

After seeing and hearing Mike perform for the first time one fan, among so many who have written in said, "I will never forget that evening at Hitchin. I didn't expect to find heaven in The Sun Hotel". Variously reminiscent of James Taylor, Phil Collins and even Sting, Silver matches the talent of his better known peers; his beautifully restrained delivery is especially noteworthy. Silver always produces the goods, something that will come as no surprise to his loyal fans.

Mike's 16<sup>th</sup> release *How Many Rivers*, brings the number of albums to 16. "...Rivers" is yet another collection of finely crafted songs offering ballads, a little blues here and there and a distinct but not overpowering taste of country as well.

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