

MY LIFE IN NEGATIVES

A live performance of songs, stories and photographs by UK musician/songwriter John Ellis.



John Ellis is a UK based guitarist, songwriter and novelist.

Before falling into the music business he studied Art at Chelsea School of Art and Middlesex Polytechnic.

He found commercial success with his own band, **The Vibrators**, before going on to play with **The Stranglers**, **Peter Gabriel**, **Peter Hammill** and many more respected artists.

He has created and released many albums of instrumental music including 5 written for European Art Exhibitions.

He has recently created a live performance that incorporates his interest in photography, story-telling and song-based performance.

The photographs

John Ellis has been taking photographs for over 50 years and the performance uses images from his archive, many of which feature the artists John has worked with.

The archive also includes location photographs taken during his touring years as well as album cover shoots, etc.

The Stories

My Life In Negatives is a walk through the memory landscape of John's career. Many of the stories involve artists he has met and worked with. They also tell of his life outside the music business including the creation of a major environmental campaign, being part of 2 strange hoaxes, writing a novel and much more.

The Songs

During the performance John plays and sings songs written for **The Vibrators** and **The Stranglers**. He also plays more recent material, much of which relates to the projected images.

Contact information

To find out more about John Ellis go to his website www.chanoyurecords.com where you will find a biography, discography and more. You can also contact him directly at johnellis@btinternet.com

He is also available on 0781 515 1484

"What a brilliant evening at the Wanstead Tap in the company of John Ellis, a musician with a truly remarkable career. A perfect balance of chat, songs and photos from his own extensive archives kept the audience enthralled and wanting more".



Photo by Sean Kelly

"Fantastic evening, thoroughly entertaining. You need to write a book about your experiences."

"Great event, hope you do something similar again."

"John Ellis at the Tap tonight doing his excellent 'My Life in Negatives' show with music and photos covering his long and varied life in music. Covering time with The Vibrators, The Stranglers, Peter Gabriel and numerous others. Highly Recommended."



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