

# HUGO DUARTE



Hugo Duarte is a Singer/Songwriter/Recording Artist from North Carolina, who travels extensively around the country performing his original music as well as his interpretations of songs by other well-known artists, often with his full group "The Full Sail Band". Hugo Duarte is a great storyteller, a first-class songwriter, a talented musician, and true Southern gentleman. His songs will make you laugh, make you cry, and if you really listen, they'll make you think about what it means to be alive. Hugo currently is living at his own Hillbilly Beach in Wilmington, North Carolina.

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*"I was just stunned by the quality of his body of work. Hugo's always been great musically, but there's a depth and skill to his lyrics now that he's only flirted with before. It's almost as if he got brave all of a sudden ... if that's not too arrogant for me to say. I'm not a critic, but I love those songwriters that Jim Hoehn calls "word guys." I've always loved storytellers, and I value wordsmiths above any other talent. I hope you and others can put him in venues that will open him up to more people ... although I hate to think it will get harder to get to see him."*

## **HOUSE CONCERTS**

### **“Just what is a House Concert?”**

Quite simply, it is a concert that takes place in someone’s house. That's right, folks ... a performance in your living room, den, back yard, front yard, clubhouse, private room in a restaurant, and...well, you get the idea. We are not unique in doing this type of thing. In fact, house concerts have been around for quite a while. All over the country, there are many regular house concert series hosted by people who love acoustic music.

### **“Is it a House Party?”**

No. It is not really a house party, even though house parties and house concerts share many commonalities. The focus here is music, not a party. If folks feel like partying, they might want to head down to their favorite watering hole instead. House Concerts provide a relaxed and fun atmosphere for listening to music.

### **“Why do they charge money?”**

All donations collected at the door go to the performer(s). However, the host may also have a tip jar to help with the concert’s expenses.

### **“Can I just show up, or do I need a reservation?”**

Reservations do help to ensure that the host can fill the house for the performers, but you can certainly just show up. Hosts generally ask that guests email or phone ahead of time to let them know that they are coming. Guests who show up unexpectedly may not have a seat; however, the host will normally do as much as possible to make sure they do, and that everyone has a great time. Most performers will have a minimum number of attendees as a requirement to ensure a profit can be pre-planned, as most of the performers are full-time musicians and this is their livelihood.

### **“What if I need to cancel my reservation?”**

Obviously, life happens and plans change. However, if you do reserve a seat ahead of time and need to cancel, please let the host know at least 48 hours

ahead of time. This is out of respect for the artists who plan their tours around these performances and to make sure the house can be filled. When guests don't show up, the performers lose money because the seat is empty. Also, there may be a waiting list of people who would like to attend, but were not able to get in because of the capacity of the home. Your letting the host know will allow someone else to have your seat.

### **"Do the musicians sell their CDs?"**

Most performers will have their CDs and other merchandise available for sale after the show, and will usually stay afterward to meet folks and sign CD covers. All CD sales go directly to the performers.

### **"Do I need to bring anything?"**

House Concerts are a community/neighborhood/social event, so baked goodies, potluck, snacks, or beverages to share are welcome, depending on the host's plan.

### **General Information**

Courtesy is the golden rule here. Performers ask for limited talking during the performance, unless you are engaging the artists. Please silence your cell phone. If you arrive late, please be quiet as you approach the performance area.



## BASIC SHOW INFORMATION

Admission is \$20 at the door.

For weekday evening shows, 25 people minimum confirmed attendance is requested to accommodate expenses.

For weekend afternoon/evening shows, 35 people minimum confirmed attendance is requested to accommodate expenses.

## TO BOOK OR RESERVE A DATE

Contact Hugo at the phone number or e-mail address below.

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## **Audience Comments and Feedback**

“I know I can’t be your BIGGEST fan, but I know every one of your songs and can tell you which song is on which album and I can sing them all. That list I handed you that night was first penciled out and was about 20+ songs long. I darkened with a purple pen my favorites out of the 10 songs I ripped that portion of paper off then handed you ... sorry if it was hard to read. Really though, I will listen to whatever you want to play, because I love ‘em all!”

“I had never listened to Hugo Duarte before and had only heard stories of the man and everyone said he was good and you know what? I had a great time. I now have a new artist to add to my music collection and am listening to him sing Ring the Bells as I type this. I will never forget the stories Hugo told and how hard I laughed and still do when I hear one of those songs. You just don't get that in a larger venue. Under the stars, feet in the pool, sippin' ... (insert favorite libation here), smiling with friends and wanting the moment to last forever ... ”

“Everyone that I talked to after the show really enjoyed it and would love to have you back whenever you get a chance. Also, thanks for taking the time to talk to me and to be able to get to know you more. Look forward to hearing you again and hope that you can get back soon.”

“Thank you for making your music rich, diverse and complex. Your songs both entertain me and many make me think. Thank you. Second, please put out a new CD! I have seen you play at Hog's Breath, but it is considerably different in the more intimate setting of a House Concert. I especially enjoyed hearing the stories behind the songs.”

“Your music is great and I especially enjoy the songs that make me think about them, about what you're saying. Many of your songs have that special, thought-provoking quality that I appreciate and don't generally find with other songwriters -- no matter how much I enjoy their songs. Your passion for music comes through so clearly when you play.”

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to hear you and to hear the fascinating background to so many of your songs. The next few days at the office, my iPod

was 'All Hugo All the Time' since I now understood the background to the songs."

"I have seen you many times but never like that. You were put into a whole new perspective for me yesterday."

"We had no idea what to expect when we agreed to host the music ... just that we both really enjoy your music. The fact that quite a few people got a chance to enjoy you as well was a bonus! We would like to thank you for your professionalism and the respect with which you treated the situation and our home. We are sold on doing it again in the future!"

"My wife and I had a great time at your house concert in Phoenix last Saturday. Terrific performance! It was such a pleasure seeing you in a small intimate venue. Too bad it was so cold that night because it would have been a trip to have you performing under the stars ... maybe next trip. Hopefully there will be a lot more next times."

"Hugo, your music speaks to me, I can't believe you aren't on the charts! Looking forward to seeing you again someday."

"I wanted to just thank you for a wonderful evening. I have already received several emails from those who attended commenting on how much they enjoyed the entertainment. I personally loved all of the songs that you wrote yourself. Your heart and soul truly showed in the lyrics and the music. 'Hollywood' and 'That's Just Dennis' were two of my favorites. It gave me cold chills!!!!"

