

# THE TALENTED MR LEWIS

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**Wandering minstrel Dave Lewis' silky smooth performance at the Denia Marriott put the fizz into a champagne launch for the new Piano Bar Nights.**

The talented international singer songwriter moved seamlessly through an accomplished repertoire of material from romantic standards, through soul and jazz to full-throttle rockers. Currently living and composing on the Costa Blanca, Dave - aka El Pianista - ran

out some romantic piano bar classics to seduce a specially invited audience before tempting them out onto the dance floor by thumping out some upbeat numbers. Whether subtly tickling the ivories or just generally mistreating them in the more emotional moments, this charismatic musician gave his all, filling the hotel's Jazz and Blues Bar with pure atmospheric entertainment. And good news for music lovers, Dave has taken up a residency at the Marriott and will be performing regularly every Thursday and

Saturday night - taking leave of absence on Fridays to play at the Monte Pego Restaurant.

### DOUBLE

Filling the vacancy at Piano Bar Nights will be pianist Ian Henry and singer Teri Jae bringing their own brand of popular music as Double Impact - the duo's appetiser at the launch party supplying an enjoyable touch of spice. Originally from Belfast, Dave puts an individual spin on well known numbers or supplies his own arrangements for his own compositions -

his song Happy to be on an Island in the Sun was a platinum Number One hit for the legendary Demis Roussos, selling over 500,000 copies. And the legendary Van Morrison is also a fan - Dave opened for his fellow Irishman's last show in Belfast and supplied keyboards for the Magic Time album. He even treats us to a version of 'Van the Man's' Brown Eyed Girl for good measure.

Dave has travelled the world to entrance audiences with his vocal, piano, guitar and song-writing skills. Over 14

years he wowed audiences at Smollensky's on the Strand, the famed London cocktail bar and restaurant, before travelling the world to perform - including Japan, the Caribbean, Sweden and Egypt.

### GLOBE

His globetrotting has built a confident showman prepared to join in the fun - and there was hatfuls of it - while inviting requests and dedications, and conjuring up songs with ease, like a rabbit out of a hat. It means no two nights with Dave are

likely to be the same. There were the familiar songs, such as Always A Woman To Me; Moondance; and Have I Told You Lately, a whole range of pop and rock from Elton John to Bruce Springsteen, and Dave's own songs - including an enjoyable Four Bar Blues, although a hand injury meant he was unable to add guitar. However, the Piano Man needs an audience to play to - get along to the Jazz and Blues Bar and enjoy something special.

