

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about David Harsh

Who is David Harsh? David is a Christian who happens to share his message of faith through music. He loves to bless God's children of all ages with innovative, relevant, original Christian songs.

What makes David unique? He does some things with a guitar that nobody else does...at least not in quite the same way. For example, he can play 2 guitars at the same time (one with his hands, and one with his feet.) Visit David's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/davidharsh) to watch David doing some of his creative guitar work.

What style of music does David play? David describes his style as "Acoustic Christian Folk/Rock/Pop." He plays the acoustic guitar or piano, and he sings. But he incorporates a variety of playing styles to support his lyrics. To get a better feel for what David's music sounds like, visit www.davidharsh.com and click on "SOUND CLIPS" to listen to sound clips from his newest album.

Where does David perform? David shares his music all over the country. 60% of the venues David serves are churches. Other types of venues that David serves are Christian Schools (10%), Camps (5%), Coffeehouses (5%), Conferences (4%), Festivals (4%), and other venues (12%).

What types of churches does David serve? David will share his music with churches of all Christian denominations (including non-denominational) who believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, and who profess that Christ is the only way to salvation.

Does David have a band? He used to perform with a band, but after a few years, it made more sense for David to be a solo performer. Most of David's fans prefer to hear him in a solo setting.

Does David perform outdoors? Yes, but he strongly prefers to perform indoors, for three reasons: First, David feels like he can communicate with an audience much more effectively in an indoor concert setting because it's more intimate, with less potential for distractions. Second, David features media (pictures, words, etc.) on a screen in most of his indoor concerts, and this is not possible outdoors. Third, David's specialized music equipment (for some of his more creative songs) is too sensitive to light and heat to be used outdoors. 90% of the venues David serves are indoors.

What age range does David appeal to? David's music literally appeals to all ages. Young children are often captivated by the creative versatile presentation that David shares. The older generation appreciates David's piano and fingerstyle guitar playing. The youth and families are intrigued by David's creative approach to the guitar. Everyone appreciates David's heartfelt message of Christ's love. To say that David's music is "just for youth" or "just for adults" would not be accurate. His music is enjoyed by people of all ages!

Does David teach private guitar lessons? Yes. For the first time in 6 years, David has decided to open a teaching studio out of his home in Marysville, WA to a limited number of intermediate students. To learn more about private lessons with David, please visit www.davidharsh.com, and then click on "GUITAR LESSONS."

Does David serve in other ways besides performing? Yes! David loves to lead worship, to teach seminars, to consult with worship teams, to teach private guitar lessons, and to serve as a guest speaker. More information about all of these aspects can be found at www.davidharsh.com.

What is David's philosophy of worship? David believes that to lead worship, the worship leader must help create a space where people can approach God without being distracted. In addition, when he leads worship, David does his best to be peripheral, allowing God to be the focus. He sees performing and worship leading to be two totally different musical offerings.

Does David perform secular music? No. David's too busy singing about the Lord's faithfulness! He believes that life is too short for him to sing about anything but his faith.

Does David sing songs written by other people (covers)? Yes, but only during his Christmas tour, as he mixes songs by others with his original Christmas material. During the rest of the year David is blessed with such creativity that he writes and performs all his own songs.

How do I book David to perform at my event? Contact Whitney Harsh (David's Booking Manager) via e-mail at whitney@davidharsh.com or calling (206) 963-1417. Whitney has a 24-hour voicemail, and she looks forward to hearing from you.

How much does it cost to book David for an event? David has dedicated many years to develop his unique presentation. Much like a doctor's fee, you aren't simply paying for the time the doctor spends with you – you're also paying for the training he has undergone to cultivate his skills. Because David makes himself available to the hosting venue for the day, he is not available at an hourly rate. To discuss financial arrangements or to book David for your event, please contact Whitney, *David's Booking Manager*, via e-mail at whitney@davidharsh.com or by phone at (206) 963-1417. Please note: if your organization is willing to take a freewill offering during David's performance, this can dramatically offset—if not completely cover—David's fee and travel costs.

What is David's ideal venue? David loves to perform an indoor 1½ hour family-friendly evening concert for all ages.

Does David sing at weddings? No. Because David's music career has developed into a full-time ministry, it's important for him to accept a booking that will maximize his time. If David shares 1 song in a Saturday wedding somewhere, he could be giving up the opportunity to minister in a full evening concert somewhere else.

Does David like to perform background music for social events? No. David's music is very message-driven. To perform in the background while people are talking or eating would cause the message to be lost. David really likes to serve an audience who is able to listen for what God might be saying through his songs.

Does David do Christmas music? Yes! Each December, David transforms his repertoire to 100% Christmas music, performing family-friendly concerts of original and traditional songs. Visit www.davidharsh.com and click on "CHRISTMAS" to learn more.

How long has David been serving through music? David has been writing and performing for 11 years, and serving full-time for 6 years.

Where is David's next concert? To find out about David's concerts, visit the concerts link by visiting www.davidharsh.com and clicking on "CONCERTS."

What is David's spiritual background? David was brought up in a Christian home, but he made his faith his own shortly before graduating from High School. To read David's testimony, visit www.davidharsh.com click on "CONTACT" and then click on the link "Testimony of David Harsh."

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What is David's statement of faith? David's statement of faith is this: *"I believe the Holy Bible to be the Inspired Word of God. I believe that by my sinful nature, I cannot have communion with God, but because Jesus Christ died and took my place on the cross, I have been given that opportunity. I believe that it is my calling to share the truths that He has laid on my heart, with as many people as I can. The fact that I am a musician is not central to this...it is just a means of sharing my faith."*

Where does David live? David lives with his wife and daughter, in Marysville, WA.

Where does David attend church? David and his family currently attend Alderwood Community Church in Lynnwood, WA

How did David train musically? As a vocalist, David was first trained classically in 6 languages, and he spent several years singing opera. He eventually learned to play the acoustic guitar, studying with several very skilled players from around the world. To learn more about David's academic and musical background, view his resume by visiting www.davidharsh.com clicking on "CONTACT" and then clicking on the downloadable PDF called: "Press Kit."

What are David's goals? To share God's truth and love through original, innovative Christian music in full-time ministry, to serve and encourage the body of Christ through a relevant message, and to equip developing Christian guitarists, songwriters, and worship leaders with valuable tools so that they may serve more effectively.

Does David have a record contract? No, and at this stage, he really isn't seeking one. Although this usually means giving up radio exposure and national distribution, David is thrilled to be able to serve God's children at a grassroots, independent level.

How can I purchase David's CDs? Purchasing David's CDs is one of the best ways to help him keep doing this ministry. You can buy either or both of David's albums at a concert, or you can order them online and have them shipped to you. Just visit www.davidharsh.com and click on "STORE."

I want David to share his "Four Limbs" at our church, but we are planning on flying him out. Since David only travels with one guitar when he flies, is it still possible for him to be able to play "Four Limbs?" Yes! David has a special collapsible stool designed for this very purpose. It is shipped ahead of time to arrive at your venue, so that David can re-assemble it when he arrives. It takes some additional work and time, but it's worth it. David asks the venue to bear shipping costs, and he also needs to borrow a guitar from someone at the venue. For a detailed description of how this all works, please visit www.davidharsh.com/FourLimbs-OutofState.html.