

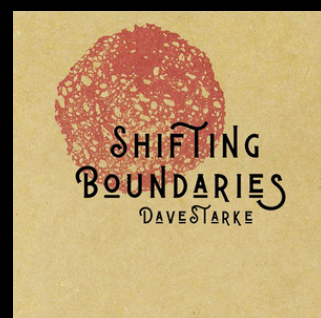
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ABOUT DAVE

Dave Starke is a **guitarist and singer-songwriter** based in **Eshowe, South Africa**. His music is built upon **poignant lyric writing with simple, sincere musical accompaniment**.

Known for his **engaging and intimate live shows**, Dave **writes and performs original music primarily in the Folk Music genre, with touches of Blues, Indie-Rock and Latin Jazz**, with influences such as Leonard Cohen, Josh Ritter, Johnny Cash and Jackson Browne. He describes his instrument as a fragile wooden box, strung and tensioned to near breaking point – fundamental, honest and often downright scary - it's a good metaphor for the human experience.

Having started in the band scene in **Cape Town in the late 90s**, Dave gravitated towards **songwriting and acoustic performance** when he **moved to KZN in the early 2000s**. Based in **rural Zululand**, his social and geographical contexts have had a big impact on his writing performance style. Musically, Dave is a **staunch minimalist known for his delicate guitar technique, warm baritone voice and judicious use of whistling**.

He released his debut solo album **"Duende"** in **2018**, followed shortly by his second offering **"Shifting Boundaries"** in **2019**. In addition to his solo work, **Dave regularly collaborates with percussionist Nish Pillay and singer-songwriters, Shotgun Tori and Lizzie Gaisford**.

Dave is currently pursuing an **MA degree in the department of Music and the Environment at the University of the Highlands and Islands** (Scotland, UK - Online)

"AN INCANTATORY TIME-STOPPER, DAVE STARKE'S SECOND ALBUM SHIFTING BOUNDARIES IS A CRUCIBLE OF PAIN, SORROW, LOVE, AND SMALL MERCIES MELTED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A SILVERY, MEANINGFUL BEAUTY."

**CATHERINE DEL MONTE, TEXX
AND THE CITY**

"THE HEIGHT OF REVERENTIAL BEAUTY....NAKED HOLINESS - STARKE IS A MASTER WRITER."

**MICHAEL ERFORT,
OH CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN**

"THIS IS FREAKING EXCELLENT!"

**SHILOH NOONE,
CAPETALK**

NOTABLE WORKS & AWARDS

WHITE MOUNTAIN ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL

THE NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL FRINGE

HILTON ARTS FESTIVAL

THE UK SONGWRITING CONTEST (SEMI-FINALIST)

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