

Tony Cox

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Born in Zimbabwe, multiple award-winning South African acoustic guitarist Tony Cox has become a veritable icon of the instrument in his own country and has been described as one of South Africa's finest musical exports.

Cox has three Sama awards to his name and now resides in the Southern Cape. I saw him last week and he was thrilled to tell me he has a number of shows during the festive season in Sedgefield – entitled December nights in Sedgefield.

The dates are as follows: 15, 22, 29 December 2018 at 7pm at St Anthony's Church Hall Flamingo Ave Sedgefield. Book your tickets at 'Fijnbosch' on Main Road or online via www.quicket.co.za



■ *When are you happiest?*

When all the bills are paid, none of the family is ill, my family is together, and relaxing enjoying a walk or a meal. My family is everything.

■ *What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?*

It's a toss-up between the thrill of performing to a responsive audience or watching the musical lights come on in a student.

■ *What drives you: ego or humility?*

Humility here.

■ *Any funny moments on stage?*

Many, I'll give you one of the best. Steve and I had for the very first time put a show together for the Baxter Theatre, the place was packed to the rafters. We finished the show and came back for two encores and they just wouldn't let us go. We

had already played tunes over again so instead we went out and gave each other a kiss, to the roar of the people.

■ ■ ***It's your round, what are you drinking?***

Green tea.

■ ■ ***Dream gig to do?***

I still dream of putting an entire orchestra together, who knows it may still happen. Other than that it's anywhere where the audience listens. It doesn't really get better than that, you could easily be in a dream location with an utterly doof audience.

■ ■ ***What makes you stand out?***

I'm a kind of ghost in the machine, I don't stand out.

■ ■ ***If you were not a musician what would you do?***

Probably a graphic art.

■ ■ ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Greying, pinkish, thickset, Anglo-Saxon, hairy.

■ ■ ***What song changed your life?***

Guitar Boogie.

■ ■ ***Whom do you love?***

My family my friends and I do yet harbour love for my fellow man although some are an almighty pain.

■ ■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means***

In the Gramadoelas means to hell and gone, remote.



■ ***Top of your bucket list?***

Touring SA in a six-berth motorhome with my family.

■ ***What do you complain about most often?***

Lack of radio playlisting.

■ ***Happiness is?***

My baby boy taking his bath.

■ ***On stage, I tend to?***

Become less inhibited, more extrovert.

■ ***Wishes and dreams?***

That my children have rich, happy fulfilling lives and my wife aces all her exams and, oh ja, world peace.

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