



Jennifer is a very experienced and talented singer/pianist from Didsbury, who, after starting out life as an opera singer, decided to change her path and follow a more conventional route through the music scene.

Jennifer Sawdon

She leads a very varied life as a singer/pianist for weddings and corporate events all over the UK, and at the end of the year Jennie had the privilege of being voted 'Wedding Singer of the Year 2010' by The Bridal Magazine.

She also released her new album of original songs, *Fighting The Fairytale*, just after Christmas and this has been her biggest project and achievement to date: forming her own record label and putting all aspects of the production of the CD together herself.

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SO, WEDDING SINGER OF THE YEAR? HOW DOES THAT FEEL?

I am so proud to have been awarded this title by The Bridal Magazine. I love my job. It is an honour to be asked to perform on somebody's big day and I am passionate about making it a special and personal experience for each bride and groom and creating a magical atmosphere for

them and their guests. I hope I can continue to do this job for many years to come.

SUNG ANYWHERE EXCITING?

Well I have sung all over the world since I was young, but in recent years I have been lucky enough to sing at the Royal Albert Hall, The Bridgewater Hall, Wayne Rooney's 18th birthday party, Ricky

Tomlinson's wedding ceremony and The Ritz in London, among others.

WHAT'S ON YOUR I-POD?

Lots of Sting, Stevie Wonder and Tori Amos, they are big heroes of mine. But really there is a lot of different things on there; I love Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson and Rhianna too. Good music can come in many forms!

WHO'S YOUR BIGGEST INSPIRATION?

I have quite a few people who have made an impression on me over the years, but I have to say that Dolly Parton is amazing. I will never forget seeing her at the MEN arena a few years ago. Not only is she a fabulous singer but a wonderful songwriter, musician, actress and comedienne too! The girl's got it all.

FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY

I wrote a song on my new album about this! Echoes is about my little sister Katie and I growing up together. We were constantly falling over and hurting ourselves like all young children ('Tears on the pavement we shared'), but one time I'd fallen off my bike and grazed my knee quite badly. My sister went to buy me an ice cream from the van and we sat on the pavement together and ate it – everything seemed fine then!

ARE ANY OF THE SONGS ON THE ALBUM WRITTEN FOR YOUR HUSBAND?

I'm afraid so! 'Resurrection', 'Without The King' and 'Nothing' are all for him. I wrote the latter while Chris was away filming in Thailand (he's an actor). He was away for six weeks and it made me realise that it was doing the small things together that I missed so much and how important it is just to hang out with the person you adore and do 'nothing' with each other.



PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT

Well, that has to be marrying my wonderful husband, Chris (Geere), last September. It was the best day of my life!

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

I love Italian food so I spend my life in Gusto in Didsbury! When I go further afield and have more to spend, there's a restaurant I go to in London called Launceston Place, which is amazing.

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION

My husband and I went on our honeymoon at the end of last year and the Maldives were just amazing. We went to a tiny island called Dhuni Kolhu, which was literally paradise as there were so few people there. But don't go there if you want to pull – it's all couples!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?

I am working! I am playing down at the Radisson in London for a big corporate event.

TELL ME SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T

I ate a whole tub of Ben & Jerry's two nights before my wedding. Guilt!

WHAT'S THE BEST ADVICE/TIP YOU'VE EVER BEEN GIVEN?

Don't obsess about a sore throat, because the more you worry about it the more it can give up on you in a time of need!

WHEN'S THAT CD OF YOURS OUT?

It's out! It's called Fighting The Fairytale and it's available now on iTunes! It was released last month under my own record label, Little Me Records. It's been a long time in the making so I'm so very chuffed that it's finally here.

You can find Jennifer's new album, Fighting the Fairytale, on iTunes, or you can visit her website(s) underneath and follow the link(s) from there: www.jenniesawdon.com www.myspace.com/jennifersawdon 'like' Jennifer Sawdon – singer/songwriter on Facebook Follow Jennifer on Twitter @jennifersawdon