## **Press-Release**

## THE ULTIMATE ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW BEN PORTSMOUTH (U.K.) and the TCE Band *"THE KING IS BACK !"*

The Gabriele Skarda Agency would like to introduce you to Ben Portsmouth; a worldwide acknowledged and awarded Elvis Presley Tribute Artist from UK.

**Fans from all over the world declare he is the closest they have ever seen to Elvis Presley**. Social media forums have been overwhelmed with fans from the US demanding Ben to return to the States. Due to Ben's recent success in the US our agency is convinced there is an untapped market for the unmatched talent of Ben Portsmouth.

What a success within less than two years! Ben Portsmouth accomplished what no other Elvis Tribute Artist has achieved. He has won *five* major Elvis Presley Enterprise endorsed contests, culminating in the crown jewel of contests the "Ultimate Elvis Tribute Contest" held in Memphis during Elvis week, commemorating the life and legend of Elvis Presley.

- <u>AUGUST 18, 2012</u> Memphis, TN- Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest
- JULY 29, 2012 Collingwood, Ontario, Collingwood Elvis Festival Contest
- <u>MAY 5, 2012</u> Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, Bridlington Elvis Tribute Artist Masters Competition (England's largest Elvis Festival)
- <u>AUGUST 2010</u> Memphis, TN, United States- Memphis, TN, United States-Images of the King Competition
- <u>OCTOBER 2010</u> -, Bushkill, PA, United States, Pocono Mountains Elvis Festival Grand Champion

Ben's ongoing meteor-like success did not go unnoticed. **In February 2013, Ben performed on the David Letterman Show** in celebration of the King's 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. The performance left his host at a loss for words exclaiming, "*Oh my God, Oh my God!*"

That one performance broadcast internationally resulted in an immediate social media explosion nobody could have predicted.

Long time Elvis friend and advisor Joe Esposito appeared with Ben this past October at the Portage, Indiana Festival (USA) to benefit the Special Olympics and was profoundly affected by Ben's performance, remarking: "*He sings like Elvis, he moves like Elvis and he has the same enormous stage charisma of Elvis so that the audience believes they see the King himself*!"

Having conquered every challenge in the Elvis Tribute Artist contest arena, establishing himself as **the** *premier* **Elvis Tribute Artist** in the world, Ben has turned his focus toward building his new tour:

Ben Portsmouth - UK. THE KING IS BACK!

Ben's World Tour 2014 has been almost set up by us in connection with Alison Povey (Management U.K.). But he has still some availability in 2014, especially around the dates where he will be headlining at festivals. And, of course: We are already booking for 2015 as well, the year when Elvis would have turned eighty.

Lots of options are available regarding working with and booking Ben. He has his regular European Band, but is just as comfortable working with other musicians. He has worked with a range of American bands and has an extensive set list, making it easy for Ben to quickly adapt to different accompaniment.

Ben performs with a full band and vocals. We have a variety of packages available, depending on whether you would like us to provide all components of the act, some, or just Ben, with the producer providing the other support components. We are open to new ideas as well and are happy to consider negotiating details.

"Further on this year we are going to record a CD and will set up as much TV-appearances as possible" Skarda said.

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