

Audio – Ben Montague at Hard Rock Cafe

In my short time as a reporter I have had the chance to interview some really excellent people including The Asps, Tony Butler, Dougray Scott and Jim Jeffries and added to that list is Bromley's singer/guitarist [Ben Montague](#).

I was invited along by Lesley Ross Sales and Marketing Manager at Edinburgh's Hard Rock Cafe to attend an acoustic performance by Ben, and being a sensible (ish) person I took a recorder along hoping to get a chance for an interview. Ben played three songs accompanied by guitarist Ben Martinez in the restaurant and got a great reception by their customers. He had already played a gig at Forrester High School earlier in the day, and announced that he would be playing a full set at The Voodoo Rooms later in the evening.

I was so intrigued by the small set Ben played I decided to go to The Voodoo Rooms to see his full set and was glad I did as he put in a great performance again. The music was provided by guitars and a piano. It worked beautifully with the audience very appreciative of Ben's songs which included tracks called Brakes, Rainy Day and Sweet Amelia (already a favourite of mine). Ben's interaction from the stage with the audience was excellent. He made you feel you were part of the gig as opposed to just playing for you, indeed his attempt at a Scottish accent brought a smile to everyone's face.

[Barry's Interview With Ben Montague](#) by [Basher1969](#) on [Mixcloud](#)

All in all, a good gig and Ben is on tour again in September. Make sure you catch him sometime soon.

Also on the bill was a local lad from Gilmerton called Daniel Scott who for 18 years old is a talent beyond his young years, having a quick chat with Daniel after his set he informed me

he's only been performing since January but has 30 songs written already pretty impressive young lad who should have a very bright future ahead of him.