

Mike Henretty

An Interview

PERSONAL

Q. What is your birthday?

A. September 17th

Q. What's your favorite color?

A. Silver...cuz it's bright and pure

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Bay Area/San Francisco, CA

Q. Where do you call home now?

A. Austin, TX

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Mountain biking, watching flix on my home theater; eBay buying and selling

Q. What do you do to pass time on the road?

A. Drive; read when not drivin'; call home

Q. Who normally drives?

A. Mike (can't sleep or read in the car -- helps to pass the time)

Q. Who do you NOT ALLOW to drive and why?

A. No one is officially "off the list" to drive; we've all driven from time to time; Drew drives the least because he is "directionality challenged"

Q. What music CD do you have in your stereo/computer right now?

A. I have a six disc changer: Radney Foster - "See What You Want To See"; Chris Whitley - "Rockethouse" (thanks for the hookup Drew!); a rough cd of mixes from the forthcoming DW album which is AWESOME!...just wait everyone!; a CD of a rock band I produced called "Still Thirsty; Jack Ingram - "Electric"; and latest Radiohead CD.

Q. What got you into music as a career (play any instruments/sing growing up?)

A. I played in a couple of high school bands...then later as a weekend warrior; I got tired of an unfulfilling "regular" job so I made the switch.

Q. Who are your influences?

A. As far as drums go...all the rock and funk heavyweights from the 60's and 70's; As far as music...it's all over the place...basically anything that is delivered from deep within the heart and soul.

Q. Where is your favorite place in the world to be?

A. Although I haven't actually gone there yet, but Europe. I always wanted to travel to Europe all my life, but never had the time or money. I hope the tour is able to make it there someday.

Q. Where is your favorite place to perform?

A. "Letterman Show" or "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" ...also to play at Red Rocks in Colorado would be a dream come true.

Q. Who are some of your current favorite artists?

A. Jack Ingram, Will Owsley and Patty Griffin

Q. What about your family? Are you married...have kids?

A. No, no.

Q. How hard is life on the road for you/your family??

A. The road is fun and fulfilling, but a perpetual ass-kicker. It's hard on you from all sides...physically, emotionally and beyond. I have no family to tend to and consider so I guess I'm "lucky"? in that respect. I respect the hell out of my band/road mates...all of whom have sig others and/or little ones.

Q. Who else have you performed with?

A. Dub Miller, Wendy Colonna, Guy Forsythe, Still Thirsty and John Gaar Band

Q. What instruments do/can you play?

A. Percussion, bass (a while back with very little retention). I do song bax in Drew's band.

Q. What's your favorite song to perform?

A. There are several of Drew's that are a gas to play...to whittle it down a bit..."To Her and Back" and "Any Love At All".

FAN SITE

Q. Do you have any photos you'd authorize the fan website to have/have access to for posting? Also, some photos of each of you from earlier days...this means everything from young kiddo pics to teenager years, etc.?? (Dan, I want CD's here...loads and loads of em filled with pics!!)

A. Will do...MH

ALBUM

Q. What's your favorite song on the new album?

A. Tough tough question and hard to answer right here and now cuz I've only heard 4 of them fully mixed. There is an absolutely undeniable piano/vocal duet at the very end of the forthcoming record...the title is escaping me but 1st time I heard it I got the chills...that's when you know it's real so that's my vote...subject to change!!**