

IDIOT for June 2012

VINCENT.

I hope you don't mind but I am exercising my right as author this month and interviewing a member who seems to have been sadly overlooked when it came to nominations, especially since the interview page was one of his suggestions originally. (One member did nominate him but I did not take up the option then).

So, this month it becomes my choice to interview VINCENT

Q.1 What is your real name (optional) or the name you would like to be called?

Dwayne Vincent

Q.2 What is your age group? 20 - 30. 30 - 40. 40 - 50. 50 - 60. Over 60.

40-50

Q.3 How did you get started in music?

My father is a musician...I have an older brother who is 5 years older than me and collected music/records at a young age. My brother worked at a magazine distributor when I was in my teens and 20's and I was able to get any free music magazine I wanted...I had 1000's of song tabulature's and written music and learned how to play guitar using those magazines.

Guitar For The Practising Musician

Guitar Player

Guitar World

Guitar Extra

Every guitar magazine a person could want.

Q.4. Is your father a professional musician? Has he been? What songs did he play that influenced you to take up music? Does your older brother play?

My father played in cover bands...He didn't care for the whole being in a band thing...some nights you just don't feel like playing or singing however if you have a gig you have to show up.

He plays a lot of songs I like...Some of my favourites we play are Mama Tried, Guitars and Cadillacs, Third Rate Romance, Anything with guitar riffs in it I like.

My older brother loves music but never had the patience it takes to be a musician...It takes practice and hard work however if you love it the work isn't work...its fun.

Q.5 Can you list your top 3 music genres?

I dislike genres...I will listen to or try any genres...I'm just not very good at playing certain types of music so I stick with what I do best which is Zeppelin in style...nothing is off limits...I like and play everything from metallica to Slim Whitman "Blues Eyes Crying In The Rain"

Q6. Zeppelin opens up at least 3 different styles of music. Blues, progressive and rock come to mind. Which of these would you say was your style?

Blues Rock, Country rock... Jimmy Page had a country tinge to his playing as well... "Hot dog"... "All my love" he uses a B bender like the country guys use.

Q.7 Of the three, which do you associate with mostly?

I associate with all music... Rap is low on my list however that's because I'm a white guy from Canada... I ain't from the hood.

Q.8 What is your talent? Don't be modest.

Quick learner... hard worker... never giving up until I get it right (or close to it for me)... Creative... I put 100% into everything I do or I won't bother doing it... there's no half way for me... it's all in or nothing.

Q.9. I'd like to hear more about your reasons for - shall we say 'perfection'. I remember you did a backing on an Elvis cover for me. To my ears your guitar work had me believing I could have been listening to Scotty Moore. Does this mean you can emulate other guitar players?

Yes I can emulate (but never duplicate) other guitar players.

I can learn by ear pretty well except for jazz and some country... some of those players blow me away with their talent... even with sheet music it's tough to copy... I don't really sit down and listen to Jazz or country that often however I respect the talent... Chicken pickin' country twang is cool sounding guitar riffage.

Ricky Scaggs country/bluegrass is one of my favourite guitar pickers... The man is talented.

Q.10. Of the talents you have not listed, which would you like to do most?

I wish I could sing better... I'm sure a lot of lead guitar players feel the same way... Voice is # 1 in music for me.

(Observation) - And I know there are a lot of vocalists who wish they could play lead guitar. Not many do both. I can think of Eric Clapton for one. Can you think of any others?

Off the top of my head... Hendrix, Ricky Scaggs... Country guys like Brad Paisley play lead guitar and sing... I like Brad's guitar playing... not crazy about his songs though.

Q.11. From the list of members you know, who interests you most and why?

(Doesn't have to be because you think they own the best talent)

Not really interest me however the person I like as a musician and player is Smurf... He's a talented guy. I also admire Tricia Dovidio.

Q.12. Have you ever collaborated with another member or members on a recording.

Yes I have collaborated with many different people.

Q.13. Which of your collabs did you enjoy most and why?

I enjoyed working on all the collabs... I've yet to finish a song I like though... get back to me in a few years.

Q.14 . What are you looking for ultimately? Would it be something that you like or something that everyone likes (a hit maybe)?

I have to like the final product... I'm picky... nothing I have done yet is album ready... Not even close.

Q.15 Have you a favourite mix from our bandroom? (Could be one of your own.)

No...No favourite.

Q.16 What is your ambition both musically and personally?

Personally...Healthy and Happy...Musically...Submitting to TV and Film...If something sells that's fine if it doesn't I'm no worse off than I am now...Its like a lottery...you cant win if you don't play.

Q.17. This is intriguing. Would you tell us more about what you have submitted or written for submission? Is there anywhere we can hear some of this work?

I have a few submissions I did for Jobs...most jobs give you a few days to whip up a song and submit...You can also just submit stuff at anytime in catalogue for buyers to browse and choose what they need.

HERE IS A LINK TO THE SUBMISSIONS.

<http://www.twotrackmusic.com/forums/index.php?topic=4568.new#new>

Q.17. How long have you been playing guitar and writing songs.

29 - 30 years

Q18 How long have you been home recording

Since 2007 but I recently discovered a way of mixing according to key which has improved my mixing ability. You can read about it here.

<http://www.twotrackmusic.com/forums/index.php?topic=4537.0>

Q 17 Do you belong to any other indie websites and will you name them?

<http://mixoff.org/> A few other sites not worth mentioning because I don't go there any more.

Q.19 Who is your next choice for the IDIOT?

Way2lon

I would like to thank you personally Dwayne for a succinct and to the point interview. It was easy on my editorial skills and makes interesting reading. I like the links we managed to get in. I should point out that readers may need to copy and paste these links into their browsers .