

Todd Swain

BAND STORY

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Hey everybody! I'm Todd, a 51 year old sudo Lyricist and Singer from Fredericksburg, Virginia. I've been influenced over the years from everything from Punk to Funk, and just about everything inbetween. As I've mellowed, I have gravitated into the calmer genres of music meaning, Country, Blues, Ballads, jazz, ect.. Music and singing has always been a huge part of my life from as far back as I can remember. I remember singing just about everywhere I went. Five years ago I went in for a stress test and ended up leaving the hospital after having 6 bypasses. I actually had known something was wrong for a long time, but it took me 12 years to go in and see what it was. I strongly recomend you don't use my example, and wait 12 years if you think you have a problem. After hearing my surgen say he couldn't understand why I hadn't died years ago, I seemed to develop a different outlook on life :) A nice byproduct of having the surgery was that I quit smoking during my 5 day hospital stay. I could have never pictured myself not smoking as it had been a part of my daily routine since I was 16 or so, but, oddly enough the quitting was very easy for me thanks to something the hospital put in my IV. Anyway, now that my doctor tells me I have another good 40 years in me if I take care of myself, I made my own little " Bucket List " of things I wanted to do. One of the items on the list was to get a CD of original songs put together, so I started looking into the whole internet recording thing. I got some equipment, found some collaboration sites, and dove in. With the help of some extremely talented artists on sites like the Les Paul



STATS

Visits	Plays
3,946	3,360
Streams	Downloads
3,210	150

Featured Songs

-  **Blue Baracuda** Rock
-  **Something About You** Ballad

Forum and The Musicians Collaboration Studio, and most of all, Indie Music Works, I've been able to put some tunes together for that CD. It's not out yet as there is more to getting a CD of songs together than I could have imagined, and there never seems to be enough time to get all the ducks in a row, but eventually it will happen. I hope to be able to work on many more collaborative tunes here in the future. Before I end this I have to give a very heartfelt thanks to Walt and Sharon for creating a wonderful place like IMW so people like me could meet great folks and create some exciting music. Thanks man!

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LATEST NEWS

Meltdown Musings



Boy, I'm sitting at work today and I'm still buzzing about last weekend. I can't imagine having a better time than I did or meeting nicer people than I did. The whole experience was just amazing. I got to hear some fantastically talented folks and got to share the stage with Tony, Peter, David, Rylie, and Chris. Wow, what a treat! Even the manager at the hotel was very nice and let a bunch of us chat and have a few brews in the hotel lobby afterhours..even let Farrell, Peter, and myself stay until around 2AM!

I have to say I have been in a funk lately and have found it hard to find the time or the inspiration to work on any new music. Kinda like being in a big city with no map...I didn't know which way to go or how to get home. It's always been the music that kept the depression demons away and with out it I could hear them scratching on the door. That and equipment problems and life's little 'curve balls' it likes to toss at you, it's been hard for me to get going on anything.

Among the many wonderful things that happened this past weekend was...I found my musical inspiration again in you guys. I don't know if it was under Tony's guitar, or inside Walt's amp, or maybe behind Rylie's drums, but there it was! Somewhere between the hot wings and BBQ'ed pork it found me. It jumped right back on my shoulder where it had always sat and started to whisper song ideas into my ear. I guess with all the 'Mojo' going around this weekend, I got mine back!

Now before you guys think I have finally taken that last step over the edge and into Loonyland, let me tell you that this is just my way of most affectionately thanking each and every one of you for helping me get my inspiration back. For helping me find the music path again that had been lost to me for a while.

I really love you guys

Behind As Usual





Well, as usual, I had huge plans to get some songs recorded this weekend, but the bottom fell out of the plans just as if it were made of tissue paper. I had 5 tunes in the wings I needed to work on, but wasn't able to get anything done on them at all. Now I'm holding up 5 songs from being completed and the work week has started again :)

I think it all stems from me being an eternal optimist about things. I always believe I can get done more than I ever can get done, regardless of how many times I never get it all done. Where does the time go? It seems like I get home on Friday night, plug in the mic, and its Monday morning and time for work. I have to start managing my time better and really concentrate on getting the music done. Ofcourse I need to get the house and family things done first, but I'm going to try and make the music next in line.

I have made a commitment to myself to make it to as many radio shows every week as I possibly can regardless of the malestrum that is family life :) One thing I've managed to do is get my wife Karen, who's always enjoyed listened to the radio shows and the music on the site, to become a member so she can hang out and chat with everyone also. This gives us alittle together time, which is hard to come by these days, as well as getting us to the shows. She really enjoyed, as well as I, meeting Walt, Sharon, Brent, Lindsay, and Haley, and it really inspired her to want to get envolved with the site. The whole personal touch makes a big difference when it comes to being a tight nit community.

Our daughter passed summer school English and our son passed his summer school buisness class for college, and we are both very proud of them. Where does the time go? Seems like just yesterday we were pushing them on the swing set in the backyard.

One other thing I'm going to try and do is a Blog entry every week just to keep my thoughts organized.

Thats about it right now :)

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