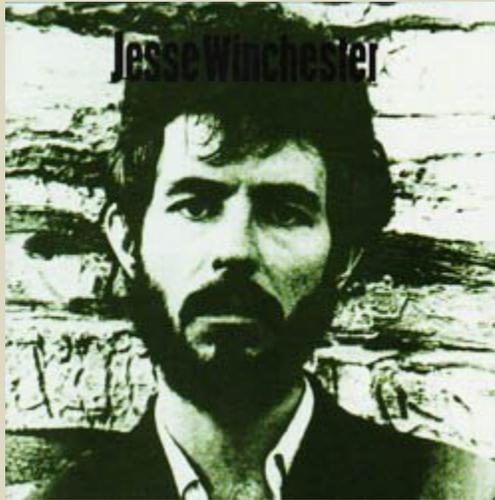


Flyinshoes Webzine 1999



JESSE WINCHESTER
(A GENTLEMAN OF LEISURE?)

BORN?

Born in Shreveport, grew up in Memphis.

EARLIEST MUSICAL MEMORY?

I heard gospel music on the radio, and "Peter and the Wolf" on the record player.

FIRST RECORD YOU OWNED?

"Ubangi Stomp", by Warren Smith.

FIRST PERFORMANCE?

At the age of ten or so, in front of my classmates. I was "Slim Pickens", playing a ukulele.

SINGLE BIGGEST MUSICAL INFLUENCE?

My high school band master, Ralph Hale.

MOST MEMORABLE CONCERT YOU'VE ATTENDED?

At the Memphis Auditorium, sometime in the sixties: Arthur Prysock, Bobby Blue Bland, and Jackie Wilson. Flip Wilson was the MC.

WORST JOB YOU'VE EVER HAD?

Working in a factory.

BEST JOB YOU'VE EVER HAD?

Songwriting.

FAVOURITE ARTIST (ALL MEDIA)?

P. G. Wodehouse.

FAVOURITE BOOK

"The Once and Future King".

FAVOURITE INSTRUMENT?

Saxophone.

FAVOURITE SONG YOU'VE WRITTEN?

"Little Glass of Wine".

FAVOURITE SONG SOMEONE ELSE HAS WRITTEN?

"Stand By Me".

HAVE YOU COLLABORATED IN SONGWRITING?

Yes, with Don Schlitz.

IS SONGWRITING TAUGHT OR IS IT GOD-GIVEN?

Both. You must have talent from God, and you must develop it with study. Or stealing.

WHAT HAS HELPED YOU MOST IN YOUR CAREER?

Divine mercy.

WHAT HAS HINDERED YOUR CAREER?

Divine justice.

WHAT HAS HINDERED YOUR CAREER?

Red wine.

FAVOURITE POLITICIAN?

Winston Churchill.

LATEST DISC?

It was great fun to record, and I ate very well. The place next door to the studio had meatloaf, greens, cornbread and iced tea. I hope this shows up in the music.