

Todd Evans

Age, place of residence and instruments played

39; Sidney; guitar and vocals

How do you describe your music?

"A blend of Dave Matthews' sophisticated rhythms, Alanis Morissette's self-analysis and a hook from a Barenaked Ladies song."

Musical influences

Dave Matthews, Porcupine Tree, Neil Young, Grant Lee Buffalo

Day job

Database programmer

Best gig

"The best gig I've ever played was as the closing act Friday night at the 1999 Philadelphia Folk Festival. I was playing lead guitar for the Celtic rock band Tempest, and there were thousands of people in the audience. It was loud and hot,

and we brought the house down that night. I had to step back for a moment and tell myself, 'This is it. If only it could feel like this every night!' It was a dream fulfilled."

Worst gig

"My worst gig was back in 1996. We were driving from Boston to Nashua, N.H., in blinding rain and somehow the van with all the gear got lost in the

endless traffic. After 45 minutes of pacing in the parking lot outside the show hoping the gear would make arrive, it finally did. Immediately, everyone in the band started screaming and pointing the blame at each other for the van getting lost. No one at the club gave any indication that they cared whether we played or when,

so we set up our gear, played a set for the nearly empty room while we glared at each other on stage still furious with each other, then packed up the van and drove back home without getting paid a dime."

Last CDs you bought

"A three-pack: Saxon's 'Cru-sader,' Loudness' 'Lightning Strikes' and Axe's 'Offering.' Getting back

to my '80s metal roots."

Musician you'd most like to meet or perform with

"Dave Matthews Band. I've met them but to perform with them would be amazing."

Upcoming gigs

► Wednesday: Singer/Songwriter Showcase, Cyber Café West,

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TODD EVANS

Binghamton, 8 p.m. (Also appearing: John Kanazawich, Jeff Stachyra, Dena LaBarbera, Chris Merkley, Pinecone Fletcher and Brittany Garrison.)

Web site

www.toddevans.net or

www.myspace.com/toddsevens

Future plans

"I plan to continue working as a programmer by day while writing and performing my music in the central New York region as time permits."

Other comments

"I'd like to thank John Kanazawich for inviting me to be a part of the Singer/Songwriter Showcase. John has been instrumental in introducing me to the music and arts scene in the Binghamton area."

— Chris Kocher

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