

Chicks Rock Interview of Jen Porter – Feb 2007

<http://www.jenporter.com>

1. How long has your band been together?

I play solo much of the time, but my Most Fabulous Band utilizes many different seasoned musicians to back me up. Typically, it's the same 3 guys, 2 of whom I've been working with for about 3 years.

2. Who plays what in your band? Kevin Patrick-drums & vocals, 'Smokin' Joe Thomas-bass & vocals and Brian Toth-guitar...I play piano and acoustic guitar.

3. Which song is your band's favorite that you all have written? That's a tough one...I suppose it's "Get Out", which is on my third album, "Moving On...".

4. Has your band published an album? I have three albums thus far: Faces ©1999, It's About Time ©2002, & Moving On...©2006. All are available for purchase through my website, which takes you to CDBaby: <http://www.jenporter.com/html/discography.htm>. You can also find the latter two albums on itunes and other digital outlets online.

5. What is the significance of your band's name? I always loved Jen Porter & The Most Fabulous Band because no matter who's in the backing band, they are the Most Fabulous!

6. What is the best memory your band has had at a show or while on the road? We opened for Lifehouse in Greensboro, NC on St. Patrick's day. There was a freak snowstorm and we were playing outside. So there were heaters on stage, but it was still only about 35 degrees – it was a chilly gig but the crowd was warm!

7. What is the best city you have played in and why? I've played in many cities to date and I always love the Chicago audiences. They are open to new music, friendly, love to whoop it up and have a good time – I gotta go with my sweet home Chicago!

8. What is your favorite venue you have played in and why? Playing Navy Pier outside in Chicago is ALWAYS a great time. We're on the water, seeing folks from all over the country and the world and we get to be outside with great sound/lights, etc.

9. What venue in your hometown would you recommend to other local bands and why? The Cubby Bear is phenomenal – great sound, great lights, great space...and it's right next to Wrigley Field! It's tough to get a foot in the door sometimes but a truly awesome place to play.

10. What can someone expect out of a live performance? I put the same passion and energy into a show for 5 people as I do for 100,000 people, a crowd I've performed in front of and will be again this year on the mall in Washington DC. No matter what, I always put everything I have into my music – I don't know how else to do it!

12. Which bands in your hometown would you recommend to others?

Weber Band, Katie Todd Band, Kimi Hayes Band, Ripley Caine, Hello Dave, Umphrees McGee, Lovehammers

13. Which bands outside your hometown would you recommend to others?

My goodness there are too many to count! Live music is still alive....

14. Which bands would you like to play with that you have not had the opportunity to play with?

I would love to open for the Indigo Girls, Tom Petty, Steely Dan, Fleetwood Mac and/or Stevie Nicks, wish I'd gotten to see Janis Joplin before she died....

15. Which events, conferences and/or festivals have you attended that you would recommend for other bands?

Atlantis was great, Mid-Point has been good, MECA was fun

16. Is there anything else interesting about your band that you would like to share that your fans might be interested in?

I tend to work with musicians who are older, more mature, more seasoned. The guys in my band have played with people like Koko Taylor, Buddy Miles, Doobie Brothers, Stevie Wonder and more. So my band is twice my age, but we work so well together...I don't know if I could go back to young ones!

17. Who answered these interview questions? Jen Porter

18. Do we have permission to make one song available for download on the I See Sound website? Of course!