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Interview with Kurt Frei, 19.08.2012

Leadvocalist from the Two Rocks Band / Swiss Country Award Winner 2012

How did you choose the Name Two Rocks Band?

The Birth of Two Rocks Band goes back to the year 2001. Daniel Spreiter and me played Guitar together. We thought , that somehow we needed to get a name for what we are, what we do. We come from rock music, so we chose the name Zwei Rocks. But that didn't sound good in our ears, so we changed it to Two Rocks.

I have heard that you are working on the second CD, what can the Countryfan expect?

The Countryfan can expect a whole CD of my own compositions. The first CD "Memory Train" has three cover songs on it, I don't really want that anymore. I want the listener to actually hear the Two Rocks Band own things.

Which style will be heard on the CD? Rather rocky, as your name suggests, or also traditional country and ballads?

I would like to have a bit of everything, but more traditional country and also some ballads. There won't be many Rock songs.

Where do you get the inspirations for the songs?

I surf pretty much in U-tube, which nowadays almost everyone is doing. I think it's a good site to get an inspiration. From there I may get a melody in my head. The lyrics consist of my own experiences, not something invented, but really something that I want to tell about my life.

Your English is very good, so to speak without an accent, and your grammar is also correct, why is that?

I think it's a bit of a routine when I sing, since I do that for more than 10 years now. It certainly had an influence that I had a partner who was born in England. This has helped in any case with the grammar. The accent-free pronunciation comes from practice and more practice, which gives routine.

But you have more the american english.

When singing yes, but when talking, it is more the british accent.

What are the goals of the Two Rocks Band? Are you also planning to go abroad?

The goals are, that we certainly also have performances abroad. We've been to Germany and were allowed to play in the well-known Four Corners Music Hall. We were also in Austria, we had to do with the ACMF, the Austrian Country Music Federation, have also played there. The goal is that we can go even further away, I even have dreams to be on stage in Nashville.

What are your own goals?

My goals are, that at some point it can be said that Two Rocks Band has a status, even in Nashville. That would be a great goal. I do not mean to sound arrogant, I am a person who always sets very high goals. Whether I reach them or not, is another matter, but I can say with a clear conscience, I have done everything in order to achieve this goal.

Tell us something about Kurt Frei, what kind of person is he?

Kurt Frei is someone that does a lot, sometimes almost too much. I have a 100% job at the electricity plant in Murg and I give 100% to the music and my Band. It takes a lot of strengt in order to bring both under one roof. That's me, I just want to do everything that I live for.

What does the winning of the Swiss Country Music Award mean to Two Rocks Band?

Me and my Band are very proud to have won the Swiss Country Music Award 2012, the certificate will always have a place of honor. It also was surprising for us, that radio stations and other significant people from the States became aware of us. It shows us that the Swiss Country Award can be an important showcase for the Swiss country music scene. It was long overdue that someone had the courage to put such an award on its feet. Therefore, praise to the organizer Andreas Wüthrich. I also hope that the award

was not a one time thing. Everyone should pull together now and keep the Swiss Country Awards alive.

What else would you like to tell the people, something that is important to you and your Band?

We really appreciate how the fans, that we have won in these eleven years, visit us again and again, no matter where we have our performances. So, a big thank you to all those who are always on the Two Rocks concerts.