

Jann Klose is Doing Time

Pop artist, Jann Klose will be performing at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park on Sunday, November 14 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free.

"I listened to music that was very popular at the time and I also listened to African music. Stylistically, it was pretty much all over the place. South African music has its own culture; its own roots of course, but it is produced in a similar way as in America, so that's an interesting combination."

He continues, "I would record stuff off the radio that I liked with my tape recorder. Some of the American artists that I liked were Crosby, Stills and Nash, Prince, Billy Joel and Iggy Pop. It was very random who interested me."

Jann came to America as an exchange student and lived in Ohio for a while with David Gooding who was Jann's singing teacher. Gooding is an Emmy award-winning composer. He is the organist and Choirmaster at Messiah Lutheran Church where Jann will be doing his show on November 14 in Fairview Park.

Eventually, Jann had to return to Germany. "I wanted to stay in America but I had to go back to finish high school and then I had to do my Civil Service in Germany which is mandatory by law. I worked with Muscular Dystrophy patients for about a year. I also took that time to plan what I was going to do with

my first band in Germany. As soon as I had the chance I came back to America." Jann returned to Cleveland for a while and then moved to New York. He always felt in his heart that a career in music was what he wanted to do.

"In my mind, I always imagined I would be involved with music and theatre," said Jann. "Even as a child, I remember telling my grandma when I was seven that I was going to grow up and be a singer some day. That feeling was always there for me. I knew I wanted to be a performer because it looked like fun. When you're younger, you think it's going to be so easy to do and then you go through a process of denial because it doesn't happen as fast as you would like or think it should. It does get a little easier once things start happening."

Jann's new CD, REVERIE is catching the listening ear of fans and music critics alike. The song, "Doing Time" describes the moments in life when we feel the mundane routine, long for something more but afraid to step out of the box to explore other options. "It's like an emotional disconnect," said Jann. "You're afraid to show your emotions because you are afraid of getting hurt. You're afraid to allow yourself to get to know someone. We all

go through that."

His own experiences and those of others provide the inspiration for song writing. "It's a cross of various emotions. When your emotions are running high, that's when you get the strongest inspiration. Living in New York City, it's an over flow of so much happening around you all the time that it's easy to become desensitized. Sometimes people put on their emotional sunglasses if that's what you would call it to keep going and get through the day."

For those who have not yet seen a performance by Jann, you are in for an enjoyable, music-filled evening. "I would like people to become involved with the music," said Jann. "I hope to get their attention. It's about having a good time, sharing the music and forgetting everything else for awhile."

For more information about Jann Klose, please visit: www.jannklose.com You can also see the music video for "Doing Time" on his web site. For more information about Jann's show on Sunday, November 14 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park, please visit: www.messiahfp.org or call: 440-331-2405.



By Helen Marketti

Jann Klose has been a world traveler since an early age. He was born in Germany and spent his childhood living in South Africa. Geographical locations and cultural surroundings influenced his interests in music. "In South Africa, I listened to a variety of stuff on American radio," recalls Jann.

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