

Jesse Rivest

Canadian singer-songwriter & guitarist

Jesse Rivest is a Canadian male singer-songwriter & guitarist specializing in folk, blues, and country-roots. His songs have the perspective of a drifting-then-gravitating discoverer, an explorer of great distances and relationships. Illustrating scenes with his unforgettably clear, natural voice, he renders his audiences warmed, charmed, smiling and inspired.

Rivest has toured consistently since 2005, including western Canada (twice), New Zealand (thrice), and Australia (twice). He has shared bills and performances with Canadians such as Mark Berube, Kodi Hutchinson, Billy Mandziuk, and Trevor Tchir; American performer Kristina Olsen; New Zealand artists Tessa Rain, Ryan Prebble, Jess Chambers, The Topp Twins, The Ragamuffin Children, and Thomas Oliver; and Australians Khin Myint and James Sidebottom.

Selected as a Best Newcomer Finalist in the 2005 Calgary Folk Music Festival Songwriting Contest, Rivest has since made several small festival appearances, including a guest headliner at the 2010 Waihi Bush Music Festival in New Zealand.

Rivest was born in Ontario; soon after the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta. He was raised around rural town Stony Plain, and later Kelowna, British Columbia; he started his current musical trajectory in Calgary, Alberta, which brought him to his current overseas home of Wellington, New Zealand.

Popular songs

Mesmerize Me
My Ticket Home
Greyhound Through the Rockies

Releases (from jesserivest.com)

2010 - *Live At The Mussel Inn - Feb 19 2010*
- digital LP - acoustic folk/blues/country
2006 - *Seventeen Oh-Two Oh-Six*
- LP - acoustic blues/folk



Praise others have published

"Jesse Rivest has good rhythm indeed and has written some good tunes to show off the fact that he's got plenty of soul." - LucidForge.com

"Rivest has a singular view of the world and his lyrics perfectly capture the absurdities and truths of his experiences." - Writing.com

"Great wide open acoustic sound." - Mark Berube, Canadian singer-songwriter

"very talented" - Trevor Tchir, Canadian singer-songwriter

"an amazing guitar player" - Rebecca Ramone, Canadian singer-songwriter

"Sweet album!" - CDBaby.com customer review

"Man, [Jesse Rivest] can perform." - CDBaby.com customer review

"His guitar playing is genius." - Myspace.com fan

Sounds like

Justin Rutledge, Martin Sexton, Ryan Adams