

# Jesse Rivest

## Canadian singer-songwriter & guitarist

Jesse Rivest is a friendly, adventurous singer-songwriter from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He sings original country-folk-roots-blues tunes with fine fingerstyle and slide guitar, but he can also rock and riff with adventurous, next-day melodies. Sharing his perspective of a drifting-then-gravitating seeker - an explorer of great distances and relationships - his live shows are consistently well-edged, yet softened with uniquely random verbalism. Brushing scenes with his smoothly toned voice, he renders his audiences charmed and inspired.

A musician from an early age, the songwriter emerged in 2005 and has toured since, including western Canada (2x), New Zealand (3x), and Australia (2x). In over 100 shows, he has shared bills and performances with Canadians such as Mark Berube, Brooke Wylie, Billy Mandziuk, Kodi Hutchinson, and Trevor Tchir; American performer Kristina Olsen; New Zealand artists Tessa Rain, Ryan Prebble, Jess Chambers, The Topp Twins, and Thomas Oliver; and Australian songwriter Khin Myint.

Selected as a Best Newcomer Finalist in the 2005 Calgary Folk Music Festival Songwriting Contest, Rivest also performed and interviewed live on nationwide radio in New Zealand (2007). He has since made several small festival appearances, including as a headliner at the 2010 Waihi Bush Music Festival in New Zealand.

Based in Wellington, New Zealand now for five years, Rivest has contributed to various musical projects, a highlight being Tessa Rain's 2010 release *Dirt Poems*. His local band creates a rootsy backdrop for a rousing set of songs: Peter Cogswell on neat-o percussion, and Brendan Schenk on banjo, accordion, and mandolin.

### Releases (from jesserivest.com)

2011 - *Everywhere EP*

- digital EP - folk/country/roots

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

### Sounds like

Justin Rutledge, Martin Sexton, Ryan Adams, Jeremy Fisher, Greg Brown, Gillian Welch and David Rawlings

### Popular songs

*Mesmerize Me*

*My Ticket Home*

*Greyhound Through the Rockies*