

BROTHER JT – biography

Brother JT's own website

www.brotherjt.com

He's Pretty Heavy, He's Your Brother.

Brother JT is John Terlesky. He was born in 1962 and lives somewhere in eastern Pennsylvania. He claims to be a 'free-lance writer slash musician'.

Brother JT has always had fundamental problems fitting in with the WORLD. He has responded to this dilemma by writing many, many songs.

A lot of the songs were performed by the Original Sins, the garage/pop group JT sang and played guitar in from 1987 to 1998. The Sins played countless beer-fueled shows in tiny bars, toured America and Europe, opened for the Kinks, Replacements, Ramones, Butthole Surfers, Buzzcocks, etc., got a few videos played on "120 Minutes", and made about 10 albums, none of which sold too many copies.

Most of the rest of the songs went under the 'Brother JT' monicker, suggested by a writer/benefactor who noticed his resemblance to a defrocked monk. These songs were a bit more ambiguous than the frustration-stoked Sins material, often having to do with altered states of consciousness and theo-sexual obsessions. Brother JT has recorded about 10 albums, none of which have sold too many copies.

Despite the lack of remunerative success, however, Brother JT just keeps writing songs. "I still don't fit in anywhere," he says between sips of iced tea, "but I think I'm beginning to LIKE it".

JT PRESS:

"...diminutive howler..."-TROUSER PRESS RECORD GUIDE

"...instrument his hands were on was his son's neck."-ROLLING STONE

"...melodic pop band or acid/death combo."-OPTION

"...anvil-fisted, hypno-drug inducing..."-CREEM

"...oinks like the hawg of righteousness skewered on a spit"-SPIN

"Imagine a nerdy looking guy behind the controls of a dayglo painted Stealth bomber on a personal mission to flatten the planet..."- WIRE

"When I had drawn him a map of the neighborhood, he said 'God bless you'. What did he mean by that?"-PUNCTURE

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Discography: Original Sins -- Brother JT -- Brother JT & Vibrolux

ORIGINAL SINS

- '87 "Just 14"/"Sugar Sugar" (Bar None 7" AHAON 4501)
- '87 "Big Soul" (Bar None LP, AHAON 003)
- '89 "The Hardest Way" (Psonik LP/CD/CS, 1-70001-1)
- '90 "Self Destruct" (Psonik LP/CD, PSONIK88)
- '90 "Coca Cola"/"Juicy Fruit" (Get Hip 7", GH-134)
- '90 "Alice D."/"Dizzy" (Psonik 7", PSONIK89)
- '92 "Move" (Psonik 2-LP/CD, PSONIK98)
- '92 "Watch You Dance"/ "Goin' Down" (Psonik 7", PSONIK118)
- '92 "Out There" (Psonik LP/CD, PSONIK138)
- '92 "Sally Kirkland/Get Into It" (Psonik CD/EP, PSONIK148)
[e.p. with radio edits & 4 tribute album tracks]
- '93 "Get You There"/"Come On Up" (Chaos 7", Chaos 69)
- '93 "Acidbubblepunk" (Psonik CD, 1-70007-2)
- '93 "Afternoon Jam Session" (Radiation 4-song 7", RARE 010)
- '94 "Big Soul" (Bar None CD, AHAON 041)
[re-release w/ extra tracks]
- '96 "Turn You On" (Bedlam LP)
- '96 "Bethlehem" (Bar None CD, AHAON 084)
- '96 "American Cheese Product" (Bedlam 4song 7", BE-96)
- '97 "Skeletons In The Garage" (Spare Me CD, SM008)
[comp. of vinyl 45's, etc.]
- '97 "Suburban Primitive" (Blood Red Vinyl CD/10", BRCD5005)
- '98 "Rhythm & Booze" (Bedlam CD)
[lim. ed. live recording]
- '99 "Radio Friendly" (Bedlam CD, BE-008)
[10 songs plus "Turn You On" LP]

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- '91 "Descent" (Twisted Village LP, TW1005A)
- '92 "Meshes Of The Afternoon" (Twisted Village LP, TW1020)
- '94 "Vibrolux" (Bedlam LP)
- '94 "Holy Ghost Stories" (Bedlam LP, BE6812)
- '95 "Music For The Other Head"* (Siltbreeze LP/CD, SB41)
- '95 "Rainy Day Fun" (Drunken Fish CD, DFR-30)
- '96 "Invocation, Pts 1&2"* (Siltbreeze 7", SB45)
- '96 "Doomsday Rock"* (Siltbreeze CD, SB65)
- '96 "Come On Down" (Drunken Fish CD, DFR-35)
- '98 "Dosed and Confused"* (Bedlam CD, BE006)
[live recording]
- '99 "Way To Go" (Drag City CD/LP, DC176)
- '99 "Take Off, Zebra Baby" (Apartment 10" APAREC 011)
- '02 "Maybe We Should Take Some More?" (Birdman CD BMR-035)

Many of these recordings are out of print. The following websites probably could help in locating existing stock:

www.dragcity.com/

www.sirius.com/~dfr/

www.forcedexposure.com/

www.gethip.com/

www.bar-none.com/

Brother JT's own website

<http://www.brotherjt.freesevers.com/about.html>