



Sparklehorse

Interviewed By: Kevin Serra

A brief chat with Mark Linkous about Avoiding Bears, collaborating with Dntel and TV Repairs conducted by Kevin Serra in May of 2003

I heard you've been busy on the tour circuit in Europe, and in the states being one of Flaming Lips, and R.E.M.'s special guests? Hows are things going?

The R.E.M shows have not happened yet. The Flaming Lips tour was great, they treated us as family, they are really great people.

Are you presently or soon to be working on a follow up to "It's a Wonderful Life?"

I am working on my studio in North Carolina, rebuilding an old late 60's console that is taking much time but sounds amazing. Still in the writing stage.

In the past you have had guest appearances by Thom Yorke of Radiohead, Tom Waits, P.J. Harvey, Nina Persson, will you have any on the forth coming effort?

We are going to Switzerland to do a performance with Christian Fennesz, would like to get some of him on the next LP, leaning more toward laptop glitchy noise people, maybe some beats from Dntel. Probably string arrangements with Adrian Uitley. Would love to have a song that had Ralph Stanley and Fennesz on it.

How did you enjoy the film Hollywood film "Laurel Canyon"? Was it a trip to have actor Alesandro Nivola Lip-Synch your songs?

I have not seen that.

I actually missed your cameo in the film with Justin Meldal Johnsen (Beck, Air, Tori Amos) and Daniel Lanois (produced U2), at the Chateau Marmont. I heard it was short, did you jam a song with the boys? How long did you stay for the filming?

I just sort of followed Mr. Lanois, i was sickly. didnt stay, ran. Good catering I remember.

I see you have done great deal of production work such as on Denali's debut, the A Camp debut (Nina Persson of the Cardigan's) and recently Daniel Johnston at Static King Studios at your home in Richmond? Do you have any future projects lined up?

I am working on a great sort of old Guided by Voices with a girl singer group called RABBIT.

Is there a plan to release the Sparklehorse videos on DVD that were aired on The Sundance Channels "Sonic Cinema?"

I would like to put out a DVD with lots of stuff on it, including some of the Sundance stuff.

Are you still in touch with anyone from "The Dancing Hoods"?

No, not at all. I live on a mountain with bears.

What are your interests besides music and recording?

Avoiding bears, TV/VCR Repair.

Closing comments?

Thank you!

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