



Bob Reuter **The Man with a Message**

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His outward artistry is a mirror reflection of the inner enigma and desired mastery of self

The Man

There are some people in life you may not remember meeting and then there are the ones who you can never forget. Saint Louis native, Bob Reuter, has left footprints on the city's landscape for some 60 years while leaving a lasting impression on all those who encountered him along the way. By means of artistry as a photographer, performing songwriter and DJ, Reuter has quintessentially been shaping his desired life's legacy...To always be remembered.

Reuter grew-up in the state of Missouri, in an area referred to as North St. Louis. He currently resides on the South side. From a difficult upbringing with very modest means and throughout a life that has included insurmountable challenges—he still struggles to make peace with that unsettled voice within. His many artistic endeavors have become the conduit for a personal journey and story that must be told.

A person will learn more about the inner-makings of “Bob Reuter” through his creative expression than can ever be fully understood in the course of a friendly conversation. The life and times of this intriguing man has a message that is best communicated as represented through his diverse work—revealed by the mind's eye of someone who is genuine at heart, has great depth and a soulful style.

The Photography

Armed with a simple Pentax K1000 SLR camera, Reuter hits the streets with a passion that is exemplified through the remarkable images of the people he photographs. The final results seem to uncannily capture and embody the very essence of each person's spirit. Yet, Reuter sees the moment as an autobiography of sorts, because what he captures on the other side of the lens is actually a reflection of what he is feeling about himself. This photographer not only stays true to the art with 35mm black and white film, he personally does all the developing using standard chemicals in a darkroom without any computer-aided technology. This time-honored processing technique lends a very unique, visual appeal.

The Music

Reuter can often be found playing the guitar around town at Off Broadway or other nightclubs in the Soulard area. With a folksy resonance, he belts out heartfelt lyrics that chronicle a story about life's trials, tribulations and celebrations. Available on Big Muddy Records, his latest CD release is titled “Alley Ghost.” A review from *CD Universe* describes the discography as “...American music at its best.” Adding, “...he [Bob Reuter] sings ballads of love lost, friends found, sad soldiers and back street affairs. The music is raw, driving, and true—truly a gift to anyone willing to open the package.”

The DJ

The love and appreciation for music isn't only conveyed through his own guitar playing and lyrical performances. Reuter is also a DJ at the local radio station KDHX 88.1. His daily broadcast and on-air musings go by the show name of “Bob's Scratchy Records.” He spins vintage vinyl of bands and days gone by with a playlist that reflects his emotional state of being. Read the register of song titles on any given day and one will know the yearnings of Reuter's heart. The tagline as a descriptive for the broadcast says it best “It's rock and roll from the heart, not the head, on Bob's Scratchy Records.”