

Press Quotes about Jake Speed & the Freddies

On Songwriting

"...the voice and style of Woody Guthrie and the observational humor skills of Will Rogers."

CityBeat "Best of 2006 issue"

" a vital presence on the local Folk/American scene whose albums and songs often deal with social issues of local and international interest.

Mike Breen, CityBeat 2005

..."His finely crafted songs are in the best Woody Guthrie tradition – they tell great stories, with a bit of lyrical edge coming thru the folksy delivery."

Rick Bird, Cincinnati Post: 2002

On Performances

"All the audience participation demonstrated that the crowd clearly had fun joking around with the band."

MaryKate Moran, UC News Record: 2006

"...beforehand, Speed explained the story (of the song) with finger puppets."

MaryKate Moran, UC News Record: 2006

"During "Volvo Girl" a song about the unreliable car Speed's wife drives, the band led the crowd in a "YMCA" style dance spelling out "V-O-L-V-O" MaryKate Moran, UC News Record: 2006

"Kentucky Graham sang (Hank Williams Jr.'s) "Howlin' at the Moon" while Speed encouraged the crowd to howl in the background."

MaryKate Moran, UC News Record: 2006

"Watching Jake Speed live is like being transported back in time to when Huckleberry Finn Rules the Mississippi River and Photos were printed in earthy sepia tones. 2004."

Katherine Sontag, Univ of Cincinnati News Record:

"Speed's rich, nasal, folksy delivery has the storytelling power of Woody Guthrie and the slyness of son Arlo."

Rick Bird, Cincinnati Post 2002

On Songitorials™

“Each week, Speed will write a new song on the (citybeat.com) site dealing with different social issues of the day in much the way Woody Guthrie’s column once did.
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... “Think of it as a singing editorial with a healthy dose of wit and humanity.”

Mike Breen, City Beat: 2006