

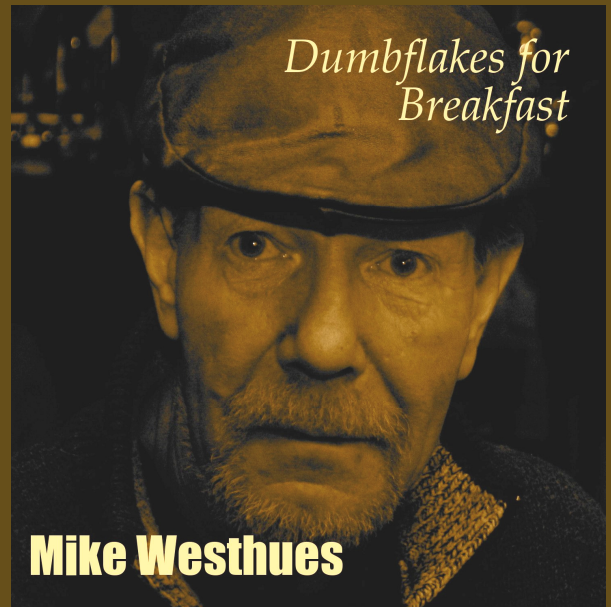
Mike Westhues

Dumbflakes for Breakfast

"Writing songs is a relatively easy thing to do. Writing very good songs is quite difficult. For every song I record, I probably write 10 others that don't make the cut. Once I decide that the song is good, I then analyze every word or phrase to make sure that I'm saying what I want in the best possible way. "Fine tuning" I call it. I've always thought that simple songs are best, but the hardest to do. Give me three chords and six strings and I'll write you a good song."

Pitkän linjan bluesmies, laulaja-lauluntekijä Mike Westhues on julkaissut jo 12. sooloalbuminsa, (jonka nimen Dumbflakes for Breakfast on keksinyt lapsenlapsensa Anja.) Ensimmäisestä - "New Morning Train" (EMI)- on nyt kulunut 36 vuotta. Missourissa syntyneen Miken musiikki on "americanaa", mutta muu kohtalo on kuitenkin saattanut hänet levyttämään erinäisille suomalaisille levy-yhtiöille, kuten Love Recordsille. Vuosien varrella hän on ehtinyt tehdä kiertää Amerikan, Euroopan ja Skandinavian ja tehdä yhteistyötä mm. esikuvansa J.J. Calen kanssa. Suomalaisista kumppaneista mainittakoon mm. Wigwam ja Dave Lindholm.

"In producing this cd, I sat down with my bass player / producer Masa Vallius and we decided to try and make this as "live" as possible. Thus most of the guitars are done live with the backing tracks. Once we got that, the rest of the cd was quite easy to do. Having the right players also helps tremendously and I was very honoured to be able to work with the best. Also, I brought a lady by the name of Jessi Curtis over from the States to do a lot of vocals with. Jess and I worked together in the States for almost 20 years."



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