

Tuning Up with Rick Hindrichsen

Rick's wife, Heidi bought him his first guitar at a garage sale and he bought a chord book and didn't know anything about guitars at first.

He started learning chords and worked his way onto playing songs and then he was onto playing songs and then he was on his way to writing songs.

He likes Alan Jackson's style of songwriting including writing about family. So Rick writes about family and stuff. He is a huge fan of Tom Petty and believes that he knows about every Tom Petty songs.



Rick would be inspired to write a song of things, events, etcetera that he really believes in. He said most songwriters he'd met writes songs about whatever they believe. He said you can pretty much tell if a song is about something that the songwriter believes in.

Rick knows that there are chances that a song could be a hit and chances of a song could be a flop. Rick has only played his songs for the NSAI group, so it would be the first time for anyone to hear his songs.

Rick is getting what he has expected out of the group: feedback, suggestions, help, encouragement, friendship and more.



Rick believes that if a kid air guitars, air keyboard, or air drums, that kid would be inspired by music.

The more Rick gets into songwriting, the more he really appreciates the different songwriting, songwriters and singers.

Even though Rick likes Country, Rock, and Blues, He writes 80% Country as his main Genre.

Rick is presently a bricklayer and worked for his brother all his life. He has a happy marriage of 26 years to Heidi and has 3 kids: a daughter, Crystal 23 years old, a son, Dustin 21 years who is serving on an aircraft carrier, and a daughter Jennifer 14 years old. Rick has 3 grandchildren by Crystal and they are Kyleigh who is 5 years old, Mikayla who is 2 years old and Brooklyn who is 2 months old. Rick's date of birth is September 22, 1962.

Note: The ages is at the time of the interview.

