ERLEWINES (FATHER & DAUGHTER) WIN AWARD March 18, 2011

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I just found out this morning that the "Michigan Association of Broadcasters" has given an award to the show my daughter May Erlewine and I did on IPR (Interlochen Public Radio) and the show "Artforms" with Brad Aspev on December 2, 2010.

It was actually was a good concept and fun to do. My daughter May is well-known in Michigan and throughout the Midwest as a musician and songwriter. My Facebook friends may know me as "Michael Erlewine" the astrologer and what-not, but in most situations around Michigan I have a choice of being seen as "that old man" or as "May Erlewine's dad." I go for the later in every case.

This particular radio show was about the Erlewines, father and daughter, and how May Erlewine grew up surrounded by music (I founded the All-Music Guide, etc.) and how that affected her own music. I got to tell on air how I hitchhiked with Bob Dylan, how Iggy Pop was my drummer, how I opened for "Cream" at the Fillmore Auditorium during the "Summer of Love" in San Francisco, jammed with Jerry Garcia, and things like that.

May told how it was to be raised around music of all kinds, not to mention a house full of Tibetan rinpoches, Sanskrit scholars, swamis, astrologers, music critics, and you-name-it – a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The show was wonderful because it gave a sense of lineage, a sense of what passes from father to daughter and the fact the May became the musician I always wanted to be. And interspersed throughout the interview May sang some of the songs she wrote live, right on the show. It was actually a lot of fun and somehow managed to win an award. Mostly I was proud to be, well, "May's dad."

I include a photo I took of May singing on the broadcast.

- with May Erlewine Bernard.

