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Michael Erlewine: When and how did you get interested in art?:

Zak Wilson: I became interested art because my dad was, and still is, a graphic artist. Growing up, his drawings were hanging on the walls in our house. So I think always walking by those drawings and silk-screens. It just sort of oozed into my subconscious. So I think that is where I picked up. I think I became interested in posters, because they have to tell a story in a certain amount of space instantly.

Michael Erlewine: What kind of art influenced you?

Zak Wilson: I not sure one particular kind of art influenced me. I like to borrow from all types. Mix and match. Art in free form.

Michael Erlewine: What concert-posters artists influenced you?:

Zak Wilson: I think I more drawn into the image than who drew that image so I couldn't really name anyone off hand. M.C. Escher would be an artist who probably had some influence on me.

Michael Erlewine: What was your first concert-music poster?:

Zak Wilson: The first concert was Adam Ant I believe at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago around 1983.

Michael Erlewine: What are the main venues you have done posters for?:

Zak Wilson: So far I have yet to do one for any venues. I'd be glad to do one if asked.

Michael Erlewine: What are the main bands you have done posters for?:

Zak Wilson: Have yet to do any posters for any bands.

Michael Erlewine: Please describe the media and size/formats you have most used?:

Zak Wilson: So far I've worked with Microsoft Paint to create my images. They've been in various sizes. I create the drawings from pictures people send me.

Michael Erlewine: What other poster artists have you collaborated with?:

Zak Wilson: So far I haven't worked with any other poster artists.

Michael Erlewine: Who are your favorite current poster artists?:

Zak Wilson: Can't really name anyone off the top of my head.

Michael Erlewine: What are your favorite bands?:

Zak Wilson: My favorite bands are R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Live, Foo Fighters, Radiohead.

Michael Erlewine: Please list any poster shows of your work:

Zak Wilson: So far I haven't had any poster shows.