

## Don White Fan Postings

-hey don...a quick note of appreciation for the show last night at tupelo...it's rare stuff when a dad and his daughter of 11 get to hang at the same show...made all the more special because we both laughed outloud pretty much from beginning to end...ok and maybe i got choked up once...ok twice...but ah hmm...like i was saying...thank you so much for gifting me the sound of my daughter's laughter louder than my own belly rolls....over and over again...a sacred and funny night(who knew you could use sacred and funny in the same sentence)...your show is required viewing for all families...especially those with and having survived - well sorta survived teens...many blessings kind sir...dale

-caught the show in Watertown Saturday night and it was a riot. If we could just bottle you, we might have a cure for all the world's problems. Thanks for the dose of humor and reality in a tiring world.

-Don White-you are not a very nice man! Having a wife who is a Don "repeat offender" I should have known better!

As I began your book memoires bought by Mrs. Repeat Offender, I thought I could breeze thru it and say "yes dear, of course I liked his book". I soon found myself entering "Don's world" - boy, this is scary. You soon had me sitting next to you in your 7th grade study period laughing as I saw papers and books floating out the window. Before I could stop laughing, you had me crying as I sat at a wedding reception watching "Debra's dance". You continued this yo-yo effect with my heart strings until your "talk" with Lawren at the Blue Moon restaurant. By the time I finished, the chapter was covered in tear drops to the point where Mrs. Repeat Offender said that the book now looks gross and I have to buy her a new one.

Thanks Don!...as I said - you are not a very nice man

-Don,

I used to think my "Ever So Humble," columns in the Boston Globe were incomparable, but after reading your entire book aloud to my husband night after night, I am humbled by your ability to make an exhausted man laugh out loud, even with his eyes closed. You wrap your wise lessons in cotton candy, so that the reader enjoys the clown without consciously noticing the philosopher. Quite an achievement!..Linda Weltner

-Don,I cry every time I hear I Know What Love Is. The problem is I am a 6'2 250lb. police officer for a city next to Detroit. I have to hide when in my patrol car. Saw you twice in Pontiac, please return. P.S. Your songs are the most touching, soul pleasing and tear producing that I have ever heard

I just wanted you to know that I am a Professor of Psychology at St. Clair County Community College (SC4) in Port Huron, Michigan, and I use your songs in my classes. I teach "Lifespan Developmental Psychology" which looks at life changes from birth to death. On the first day of class, I play "I Know What Love Is" to give my students the perspective of continuity over the lifespan. When we get to adolescence, I play "Adolescent Rant" and "Stupid." Those songs ring true for all of my students from the millenials to the "non-traditional" students closer to our

age. You have a knack for capturing the challenges of families and anyone else traveling along the road of life.

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-What a great treat to see you today at the Towne Crier in Pawling, NY, with the wonderful Christine Lavin. I can't believe I haven't seen you since the recording of Laugh Tracks at the Bottomline! But your talent is everything I remember it to be, and more. I Know What Love Is is probably the most beautiful, touching song I've ever heard. And everyone in the audience obviously felt the same way. Wow, and thank you is all I can say.

-I stumbled onto Don White when I attended a concert he did earlier this year with Christine Lavin. I just went to listen to Christine and not being a huge folky in general and figured I'd endure this "other guy". Wow. I was hooked. I now own the Live in Michigan CD as well as the singles Brown Eyes Shine and I Know What Love Is. When I listen to Don, I get it. I mean I really get it. :-)

-My daughter treated me to your show last night and I just wanted you to know that it was a night I will never forget. You are a wonderful entertainer; I love the juxtaposition of your incredible sense of humor and the depth of soul in your music.

-Don, my husband and I loved your show in Portland this weekend (One Longfellow Square). It was our first time seeing either you or Christine Lavin - we had a blast and it renewed our faith that music from the heart is the best and that comedy can be funny AND brainy. Brainy? Well, you know what I mean. I read your book (already, over the weekend, couldn't put it down!). It reminded me so much of my own upbringing (10 of us, no supervision, Irish scrappers, but with a whole lotta love springing from it) and also of my own challenges trying to fit my music and visual art around a totally unrelated "day job". But it wasn't just some shades of familiarity that kept me transfixed; mostly, it was because it was so great to discover that you are as talented at writing as you are on stage. Pretty darn tootin brainy for a C (or even a D - or A for that matter) student. Kudos! So, Go raibh mile maith agaibh (a very gaelic "thanks a thousand times"; or whatever the Greek version is). We'll tell friends their lives will forever suck until they go see your shows and read your book! Best - Patty & Ron

-We had Catie Curtis at the Bull Run last weekend. She said her sister was sick of all these happy songs about her children. Her sister's kids are teenagers and her's are 4 and 6. She said "I tried to write a song about teens but I couldn't so I am going to sing you a song by this guy Don White...he knows about teens." The audience went nuts and Delores smiled like a proud mother. Catie did a fine job on the tune. Can't wait to see you Oct.

-Your songs are fabulous. The words are so intriguing and the tunes are so catchy, I can't stop singing them to myself for a few days after I hear one. I took my husband to see your performance in Ann Arbor, he hates folk music, he loved your songs. I'm a psychologist and I love the direct, strong emotion and passion in the songs, for example, The Painter, and Breathing. I listen to Po Po Baby if I start feeling sorry for myself. Thank you for all of the comfort and inspiration!!!

- Been thinking about posting since I saw you in Bloomfield Hills. GREAT JOB. I laughed, I cried. Not sure I like you any more, making me cry in front of my wife like that.

-Can't understand why you are not filling venues like the Fox Theatre and such. You should try. And let me know how you sing those songs without crying..

- I was gifted with your book by my best friend. It was she who introduced me to your music, dragged me all the way to Flint Michigan, for the Folk Festival. I was the only aging punk rocker in the room, a staunch non vegetarian, and thought Woodstock was a Peanuts character. Needless to say, I promised to be immune to any emotive qualities you might bring my way. I augered in right about half way through "I Know What Love Is" Yup...you made me snort. This puppy hating, kitten kicker, bawled all the way through the next song too. I just finished the book, and yet again 800 miles away, I'm picking up a humongous pile of kleenex. This was the best Birthday present ever.

-your show was a total emotional rollercoaster. i knew you were funny from what i had heard before seeing you, but i was totally unprepared for how some of your songs, brown eyes shine in particular, would make me so overwhelmed with emotion that i almost had to throw up during the break.... it was an amazing show and i will see you again, so count on meeting me at some point... Jymi Sea

-Saw you at a private event last Saturday. Terrific is an understatement. Life's little truths enveloped in humor and masterful song. Only thing is...you made me cry with your a cappella rendition of "Brown Eyes Shine"...ya bastid!

-I saw your show at Green Wood church on May 30th and I was both moved and had pains from laughing so much. Thank you for your music. As I told you that night by the door, I feel your songs have helped me be a better father. You remind us of what really matters in life. Your kids are blessed to have you, and now you've touched my daughter as well. Abby, my daughter, won't let me listen to "I Know Exactly What Love Is" with her around because we both start crying

-Dear Don---This is a long overdue thank you for performing at my Mom's memorial service. It seemed that, given the circumstances, everything worked out perfectly. You'll never know how much it meant to us...Mom had already selected "I Know Exactly What Love Is" to be played at the service, but she never dreamt you'd be the one performing it! The inclusion of "Sense of Humor" also seemed magically appropriate...

Your music had a profound effect on her, Don, and it was a "life connection" she held to the very end--having me play various songs of yours for family and friends during their final visits with her. I guess she "fell in love" with your music (and with you!) during the house concert you did here in 1999, and that connection only deepened..

I miss my friend greatly, but I'll always be thankful that you helped turn her Memorial Service into a true celebration of her life and spirit.

God bless you!

-There is more love being shown and shared in Almont, Michigan after your concert in Pontiac last Saturday night. I have two daughters, age 17 and 12, and you're so right, our time with them is so short. I hugged and kissed them and told them I loved them Saturday night. You are making a difference in this world. ( you may not be padding your check book, but you ARE making a positive impact.) Your show was wonderful and thrilling. You take us through the whole range of emotions, one minute laughing so hard the tears stream down your face, and the next the tears are coming but as a result of one of your touching ballads. I left the concert exhausted and refreshed at the same time. Thanks for who you are and what you do. Keep doing it, and may God bless you.....(he already has).....you've helped me to "know exactly what love is." Peace and Love, Gary

-Don, I just wanted to let you know that I was absolutley in awe during your preformance on Saturday in Pontiac. I sat mesmerized. I have never experienced something so enchanting. It was a privilege to listen, watch, and learn from moments of your life. I am so very gratefully that you have been so selfless in sharing your humor, insight,love, and spirit with those who set out to find it. If every one who admire's your musical message shared it with all of those in need of comfort, reassurance, or laughter our world would be so much brighter. Your are an inspiration to my heart. Thank you!

enjoyed your show at the Green Rooster Immensely... but do you have to make me cry so damn much? One song you have me laughing my ass off, and the next, I'm trying not to bawl my eyes out.

Don White, You're awesome!

-I am in awe of someone who can shift effortlessly (so it seems) from humor to pathos, and who so evocatively depicts the trauma of teens in the house.

-Hi Don, INCREDIBLE performance at the Black & White Theatre Nov. 7. Your ability to express both wild humor, and the interplay of relationships with loved ones and oneself is rare and beautiful. I know that people left the show Sat. night with lingering questions, ponderings on which to focus - on growth and change in their lives and the lives of those they love. Such thoughts are necessary and are so often feared and overlooked. Your music, with its strength and beauty touches upon such places within us. How perfectly you celebrate the cycles of our lives with your songs and capture the essence of love