

Jack Tempchin Bio

You may have seen Jack Tempchin's featured interview in the 'History of the Eagles' documentary. Or you may have heard his name referenced from the stage on the final 'History of the Eagles' World Tour by the late great Glenn Frey...

Jack Tempchin is a legendary hit songwriter whose two best known compositions, "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and "Already Gone", are now synonymous with the Southern California Sound.

Both songs are on 'Eagles: Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975', awarded *Best-Selling U.S. Album of the 20th Century* by the RIAA. Tempchin has five Eagles contributions total, including "The Girl From Yesterday" from the 'Hell Freezes Over' reunion release, plus "It's Your World Now" and "Somebody", both on their double disc release, 'Long Road Out Of Eden'.

Jack Tempchin songs have been performed by or recorded by : George Jones, Buck Owens, Emmylou Harris, Glen Campbell, Chris Hillman, Jackson Browne, Dwight Yoakam, Linda Ronstadt, Patty Loveless, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Jim Lauderdale, Johnny Duncan, Richie Havens, Randy Meisner, Sammy Kershaw, Kate Wolf, Tom Rush, Little Texas, The Paladins, New Riders Of the Purple Sage, and Wilson Philips and Jim James of My Morning Jacket.

Jack Tempchin has performed live or toured with 3 Eagles : Glenn Frey, Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmit . He's also played with greats Poco, Jackson Browne, J.D. Souther, Chicago, Chris Hillman, Herb Pedersen, Jules Shear, Jimmy Webb, Dave Mason, Tom Rush, Barry McGuire, Al Kooper , Phil & Dave Alvin, Kim Richey, Kenny Loggins, Karla Bonoff, Christopher Cross and Dolly Parton among others. In the mid- 90s, Jack toured as the opening act for Ringo Starr and His All Star Band at major venues Radio City Music Hall and The Hollywood Bowl.

History

In 1976, Jack Tempchin was first signed by Clive Davis to Arista Records along with Jules Shear and Richard Stekol in a band known as The Funky Kings. Retro-rocker Johnny Rivers heard the Funky Kings' Jack Tempchin track, "Slow Dancing (Swayin' To the Music)" recorded the song and made it a Billboard Top 10 in 1977. That same year, country crooner Johnny Duncan took it Top 10 on the Country charts.

In the 1980s, The Eagles took a 14 year vacation. It was then that Tempchin co-wrote a dozen radio hits for Glenn Frey's solo career including "True Love", "The One You Love", "Sexy Girl", "Party Town", "I Found Somebody", "Soul Searchin'", "Livin' Right". More Top 40 hits are Tempchin/Frey co-writes "Smuggler's Blues" & "You Belong to The City" for the original 'Miami Vice' TV show soundtrack. These two songs were later sampled in the 90s by platinum rappers Coolio (Nature of the Business) and Jay-Z (City Is Mine), respectively.



Famously, Tempchin's tune "Peaceful Easy Feeling" was featured in a notorious taxi scene in the Cohen Brothers cult classic, 'The Big Lebowski' starring Jeff Bridges as 'The Dude', who is unceremoniously tossed from a cab. "Part Of You, Part Of Me", another Tempchin/Frey classic, was the end-title theme song for the Oscar-award winning film 'Thelma & Louise'. In 2015, a Tempchin/Frey co-write was featured in David O. Russell's 'JOY' starring Jennifer Lawrence. Other Tempchin songs have been placed in hit TV shows 7th Heaven, Hawaii 5-0, Hello Ladies, NCIS, Entourage and more.

PEACEFUL EASY FEELING DAY PROCLAMATION

On December 1st, 2012, the Mayor of San Diego, California, officially proclaimed a 'Peaceful Easy Feeling Day' for America's Finest City, to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Tempchin's song having originally been released as a single by the Eagles in 1972. The proclamation was presented at a San Diego Wienerschnitzel where the final verse was composed. Free hot dogs and media coverage were the highlights of the day, and Jack played live.

In 2012, Tempchin released a DVD/CD titled 'LIVE AT TALES FROM THE TAVERN'. Filmed by famed rock photographer Henry Diltz at the Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez, CA. It contains several original hits performed by the man who composed them, including 'Peaceful Easy Feeling', 'Already Gone', 'The One You Love', 'You Belong To The City' and 'Slow Dancing' and is available on iTunes, CDBaby, eMusic, and Amazon.

In 2014, Jack's lyrical manuscripts for both 'Peaceful Easy Feeling' and 'Already Gone' and his original Stella guitar have been on view at The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, CA. He was interviewed and delivered a live performance at the museum's Clive Davis Theatre for their exhibit, "The Sounds Of Laurel Canyon 1965-1977". Prior to that, his lyrics were featured at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. In November 2014, Jack signed a deal with L.A. based label Blue Elan Records.

In May 2015, he released his 4 song EP ROOM TO RUN. In August 2015, he released his full-length album LEARNING TO DANCE.

In August 2016, he released his full-length album ONE MORE SONG.

In August of 2017, he released PEACEFUL EASY FEELING – THE SONGS OF JACK TEMPCHIN, featuring new recordings of his multi-platinum hits.

All of Jack's albums are available on CD & 180-gram vinyl LP from Blue Elan Records and through iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, etc. Jack's earlier albums are all available on CDBaby.

