



The Jersey Rock Radio Show

The longest-running local music show in Monmouth and Ocean counties

WRAT 95.9 FM, New Jersey Radio – The Rat Rocks!

WITH STEVE HOOK

June 20th-June 22nd

When Jersey Rock came back on the air, after taking a little break to retool the show, we did so proudly by playing some choice cuts from Matt O'Ree's latest cd Shelf Life. That cd garnered Matt four Asbury Park Music Awards for Best Local Release, Best Song of the Year, Best Blues Band, and Best Guitarist. He swept every category he was up for! For good reason too. Matt is truly an inspiration. He is undeniably one of the greatest guitar players (if not the greatest!) that the Garden State has ever produced, and as if to underscore that point he has continued to gain national, and international, recognition for his amazing guitar skills. Most recently Matt slayed the competition at the Guitar Center Guitarmageddon King of the Blues Guitar competition in Chicago on June 8th. Matt went up against literally thousands of players from around the nation and proved what we knew all along. Namely that he is the real deal!

I am proud to know Matt not only as one of the best guitar players I have ever had the pleasure to watch perform live, but as a close personal friend. I have witnessed Matt perform countless times now and I can honestly say that I have never been anything short of stunned at his abilities. You can always tell when someone is seeing Matt for the first time. They are the ones with their jaws on the floor! He is that good. We at The Rat are immensely proud of Matt for all of his success, and only wish him much more in the coming days and years. He deserves every laurel he gets.

This week on Jersey Rock we will pay tribute to Jersey's next big thing! Tune in to see what all the fuss is about. Matt has graciously agreed to take some time off from his increasingly busy schedule to come in and chat about the BB King hosted Guitarmageddon competition and to play an acoustic number for us on Wednesday's installment of Jersey Rock. Tune in so you can say, "I knew him when..." The Rat anxiously and proudly presents Matt O'Ree this week on Jersey Rock!