



PLANET ROCK RADIO HOST: WYATT WENDELS!



Planet Rock Radio is the UK's biggest, most rockin' radio station for everything heavy n hard with a bunch great shows presented by some totally Rock n Roll hosts including Alice Cooper and Joe Elliot! Wyatt Wendels, top Planet Rock presenter hosts the 'New Rock Show' and loves to play AC/DC, Guns N' Roses and everything in between. Wyatt talks to us here in this interview about Rock n Roll, Radio and having one of the coolest and most rockin' jobs ever.

What shows do you present and when can we catch them on Planet Rock?

Monday to Friday 10am - 2pm(GMT) and The New Rock Show Saturday nights 10pm / Monday at Midnight into Tuesday.

What kind of music do you like to play on your shows?

The weekday shows cover pretty much all genres of rock from 1962-2015 from The Rolling Stones, The Who through Guns n Roses, Def Leppard to Metallica and beyond to current day artists and all points in between. The New Rock show is two hours of new music from the household names like AC/DC with new albums out right down to some unsigned and brand new bands with their debut EP's and singles out.

How did you first get into radio and how did you end up working for one of the biggest UK radio stations?

I took a two day radio course at an old Radio 1 presenter's house back in the mid 90's and then just started sending out letters and tapes (remember them?!) and hoped to catch a break. It was a long and slow process for sure.....I'd love to have a glamorous rock n roll story about how I ended up at Planet Rock but the truth is one day they called me out of the blue back in 2012, and asked if I would like to cover some holiday. I pretty much stayed thereafter!

Who have been amongst your favourite interviews on your radio shows?

The best interviews are the ones where it feels like you could be talking to anyone let alone some of the world's biggest bands/ rock stars and they are the ones that can also talk which make for an easy interview. I'd say the best three would be Def Leppard, Ronnie Wood and Nickelback for all of the mentioned reasons.

Who are you yet to interview that you'd like to?

Aerosmith, Motley Crue and either Mick Jagger or / and Keith Richards.

Most people know Planet Rock as the destination for the Radio shows of the Rock stars Alice Cooper and Joe Elliot. Have you ever run in to either of them and do you listen to their shows?

I listen to both at different times. Alice I've only seen once, Joe I've seen several times, often to talk shop about his projects. He is also a great go to guy if you are looking for some old school blues and rock that you want to be introduced to.

What is your favourite part of the job?

No two days are the same. I love the music and you never know who you could meet or/and interview in the building from one week to the next

How were you first introduced to Rock music?

Family osmosis! Through my mum and brother I was brought up on Mott The Hoople, The Stones, Foreigner, Motorhead, Saxon, Twisted Sister, Motley Crue and many others.

With the internet taking over most mediums of music consumption do you think Radio will survive in the long run?

I believe radio will always be around just with not as many stations and fewer presenters (a similar pattern the UK has been following for a few years now) As space runs on frequency dials and on DAB complexes I still think we could see the rise of internet super stations that are corporate funded by various brands and with sponsored shows and banners replacing traditional ad breaks. It seems a current gap in the market that could pick up momentum over the years.

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