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**SCREAMIN' JAY
HAWKINS
Portrait of a
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Nobody tells Jalacy "Screamin' Jay Hawkins" what to say, or how to say it. "I have my own ideas about life, and if I want to stick a bone in my nose, I should be able to do it"

Known by blues and roots-rock aficionados for his booming, electrifying howls and outrageous stage antics, Screamin' Jay has been shocking audiences long before KISS fired up their first smoke machine, or Alice Cooper painted on a mask.

Banned, condemned and caught in the crossfire of racial tensions in the 1950's, Screamin' Jay has been blasted from all sides. Not only by white critics who saw his act to be "savage" and, like many other musicians of that time, "corrupting the youth of America," but by black critics as well, who accused him of parodying blacks.

Caught up in their own judgements, his critics don't seem to have listened to what the man actually has to say. he is proud of his personal brand of music. "I don't just sing 'I Put A Spell On You,' I play it ... I perform it".

He is undaunted by his critics, "I guess I'm a rebel," he says, "I never meant to poke fun at anyone. I'm an original".

A veteran in the music business as well as a WWII Vet, Screamin' Jay has weathered the storm from all sides, stuck to his guns, and kept his snowball rolling. It has gathered speed throughout the years, culminating in the recognition he's earned and deserves.

"I'm one of the old ancient still alive vampires but more or less from the werewolf witchery and sorcery days. I would say in all sincerity, if you really wanted to know the truth, I would say I'm what you would call a good witch. There are bad witches but there are also good witches." "I'm enjoying life. I think life is beautiful. as a matter of fact, I love this world. It's just the people in it that drive me crazy," he says. "Just because I like to eat raw chicken's feet while they're walking, there's nothing wrong with me.",

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