

# TIM BROWN

"I have the dirtiest fingernails of any piano-player in country music," says Tim Brown, a 27 year old singer/entertainer from Camden, Arkansas.

Brown is somewhat schizophrenic: by night he's a *wild-man*, dressed in western glitter, wailing out the songs and bangin' his piano keys at area night clubs; but in the daytime, he's a *mild-mannered, quiet man* who gets his fingernails dirty in his family-owned nursery business. Sometimes you can find Tim in the solitude of his greenhouse – working with his plants and writing songs in his mind.

It all started musically for Tim around the age of 10 when his older brother acquired a set of drums. Tim would sneak into his brother's room to play them. When his brother grew tired of them, Tim moved the drum kit to his room and constantly "beat the tar out of it." He would also practice on the front porch, driving the neighbors crazy. After going through many drum sticks over a four year period, Tim decided to take piano lessons. He could not conform to the rigid lessons and practice, he only wanted to improvise. Tim joined this first band at the age of 14 and has become a very sought-after talent since those early teenage years.

Last year country star David Frizzell came to Camden to perform a concert and needed a fill-in keyboard player for that gig. Brown was recommended and got the job. Frizzell was so impressed with his talent that he brought Tim to Nashville to record. Frizzell has always been one of Tim's singing idols, and now his idol is his record producer.

The vocal influences of David Frizzell, Conway Twitty and REO Speedwagon and the piano influences of Jerry Lee Lewis and Floyd Cramer have helped mold Tim's own style. His show is one of contrast, especially when he belts out a tearful ballad followed by a country rocker. Brown says, "I'm basically really boring off-stage. But get me on that stage, and I can't stay still. I'm unpredictable!" Brown is a study in contrast which makes great excitement for any audience.

By spending more time with his musical career and having less time to work in the dirt, Tim Brown's career momentum is being measured by his cleaner fingernails.