
Times Facts

Sean joined the *Times*' staff in 2005 as a pop music critic. He covers the local and national pop music scene and writes music and concert reviews. You can also read his blog, Pop Life, at blogs.tampabay.com.

Talking Points

• Pop Music News • Concerts • Current CD releases • Popular culture

Sean has experience on talk radio and has appeared regularly on local television, including Life Around the Bay, Your Turn with Kathy Fountain and NewsEdge on WTVT, FOX 13

Education

Sean earned a bachelor's degree in Arts from Syracuse University.

Background

Sean was the music critic for *The Washington Post* before starting at the *Times*. Some of his music features were printed in the *Times* prior to his joining the staff. Before joining the *Post*, he worked as assistant editor at the *Washington City Paper*.

Among his professional highlights, he has visited with John Mellencamp at his Bloomington home, survived California's Coachella Music Festival and worked the red carpet at the MTV Video Music Awards. His work has also appeared in *People*, on *Rolling Stone.com* and in *Jazz Times*.

Awards

In 2006, Sean was awarded first place by the American Association of Sunday and Features Editors for commentary on arts and entertainment. He also won best A&E feature for the piece "Sharpie Nation." Also in 2006, the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors named him top arts critic.

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