

BULLET LAVOLTA

The feeling of doing something great, something you've worked hard for, and it comes out perfect, beyond your expectations. It may only happen a few times in your life, but it feels just as good when you see someone else do it, when you can enjoy someone else's achievements and talents. Bullet Lavolta's "The Gift" on RCA records gives me chills, plain and simple. It's perfect song writing, hooks, melodies, urgency, power, punk, rock, metal... Perfect.

I spoke with Yukki Gipe, vocalist, over the phone awhile back. Here's what we were talking about... By the way, this is the first time I've tried writing an "article" out of an interview, instead of straight Q & A, so bear with me. I think I got the facts straight...?...?

Night Moves

The roots of Yukki run deeper than HC and punk... I mean he was 16 when "Night Moves" came out by Bob Seger, so of course that's an influence, as well as Motown, Sweet, Kiss, Queen and the whole British Invasion.



Not About Standing There

'We're basically a live band, dishing it out, hard working, never weakening.' 'We go out there bustin our ass to put on a rockin show!' 'Its not about standing there, playing songs, it's about going out with a vengeance!'

They've played over 150 gigs in the last year. Their 1st tour of Europe was with the Lemonheads, the second, they went alone.

Germany went extremely well. Not as well in England. Too many bands... Too big... Trendy.

Wouldn't it be cool if Bullet Lavolta did an arena tour with like Aerosmith. Hundreds and thousands, skanking in the largest circle you've ever seen, and everyone would be happy... 'Its very competitive (tours), so many bands, we're just gonna work on the next record, no real strong set goals, just one step at a time. Building.

It's Biological

Everybody's got a right to see the band, and get in the pit. Violence is always a possibility. It's a biological constraint. The aggressiveness in males. It's a reaction, it's aggressive music. But you've got to have your head on straight, you can't hurt other people.

The President is into MC5 & the Stooges

One foot in front of the other is the method to their success. Tapes sent to TAANG! Record out on TAANG! Playing the club scene in Boston and subsequently outgrowing it. Larger and larger. While readying for one of their tours of Europe, the Lavolta was playing @ CBGBs. An A&R guy from RCA was there, and took some tunes to the President of RCA, who is into the MC5 and the Stooges, a real down to earth guy, and wanted to put out the Bullet Lavolta record. 30,000 copies later, Bullet Lavolta pays the rent but none of the bills, so it's not full time yet.

Smear not Sneer, or maybe Blind to You

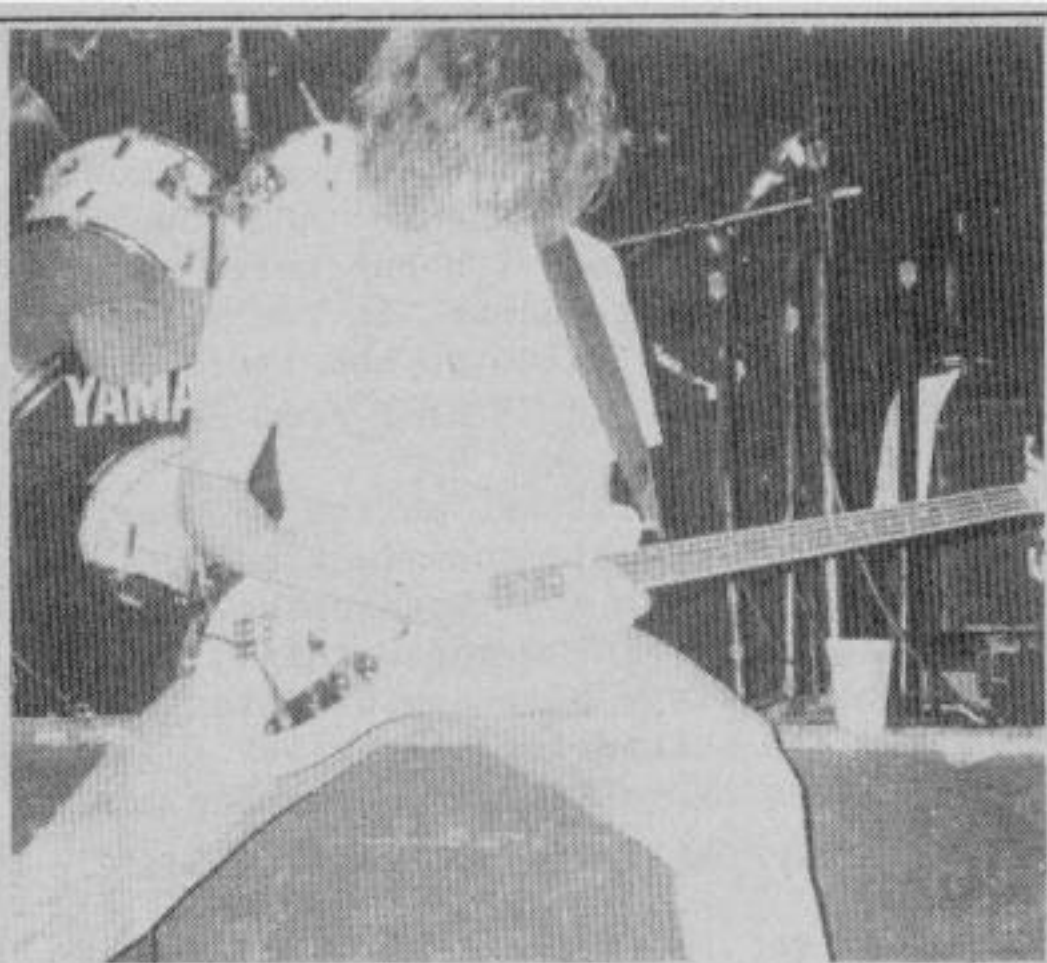
The song "Sneer" on the TAANG! edition of "the Gift" was supposed to be "Smear" but ended up being "Blind to You" on the RCA edition of "the Gift".

Why no lyric sheet? I mean Bullet Lavolta's got things to say, and they say them well...

Yukki doesn't know, they've thought about putting out a little book with photos and lyrics or something, but for now they'd really appreciate it if you listened and developed your own ideas from the songs. But if you're listening and can't make out a few of the words, drop them a line. They'll be happy to help you out. Maybe if enuf people write they'll get tired of answering the mail & print a lyric sheet. Who knows...

Giving a Hoot at Kendall Square

Frank FOE is a big stickler on litter, I hate litter. God I hate litter. I've found someone else who hates litter too. Yukki hates litter. At an outdoor affair at Kendall Square in Boston, Yukki was seen picking up trash after playing. Others saw, 'picked' up on the idea, etc.. It was even written up somewhere. He'll yell "Litterbug" at ya too. But he tries to keep the person separate from the band. 'Just because I've got the microphone it wouldn't be fair.' He doesn't eat meat, doesn't drink alcohol, but he'll be seen putting his cigarette wrapper in his pants pocket til he finds a garbage can. 'Its a decision I make, I wouldn't sing about it. I try to lead my life by example.'



Jagger 'n' Bowie

When asked, 'Do you think Bullet Lavolta will get big enuf to the point where people will care who you have sex with, like Mick Jagger and David Bowie', Yukki replied, I think we're big enuf now. The same kind of gossip mongers exist everywhere. But he doesn't care, they can write about whatever they want. He'll be 30 in the fall, and he'll soon be a father and be married!

Master of Disaster

Bullet Lavolta have mastered their destiny though hard work, and an attitude to get them moving, one step at a time, always building. They're here to stay, and there will be a new lp in the fall. There's a new ep out now with 3 live songs and 2 new songs. And don't forget the records that are already out!

