

DIDJITS



As "Dance to the Music" blares from the jukebox at the Kyber Pass we begin our journey into the DIDJITS...

This interview takes place after their gig in Philly @ the Kyber. They rocked, I took a day off of work just to see them... The DIDJITS be Rick vocals/guitar, Brad drums, and Doug bass...

FOE Why didn't you do "Call me Animal" live?

RICK Cuz its hard for me to play guitar and sing that song @ the same time. And we'd hate to do a song as cool as "Call me Animal" half assed!

BRAD He's no Wayne!

FOE What's the deal with Jerry Lee being such an influence on the DIDJITS?

RICK Can you name anyone who possesses the essence of rock'n'roll more? If you're going to play the shit, wouldn't you want to have the best influence possible! Elvis being the KING of rock'n'roll is bullshit! He wasn't! Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard embody the spirit of rock'n'roll, 100%! And even though I love the Stooges, JLL and LR rock more than the Stooges. That's the grass roots, the common denominator. He just fuckin rocks, we draw on his influence cuz he's bad as hell!

FOE Did you try to get on the soundtrack to "Great Balls of Fire"?

RICK I have a firm belief if he knew about our song "Jerry Lee" he'd shoot us. Cuz the lyrics, "yeah we're at Jerry's house doing acid, and we watched him kill his wife...", of course he denies killing his wife, so if he heard it, he'd probably kill us... He's the embodiment of r'n'r, which is fuckin wild, out of control.

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FOE What do you think he would have done on Earth Day 1990?

RICK He probably just drank, hung out in a bar. He probably bitched that Elvis made more money than he did. He was always, like on the bottom, he never really made it. I mean he knows it, I know it,... that he's bad as hell!

FOE Do you listen to other stuff on Touch and Go Records?

RICK I sing some back ups on the new Arsenal record...

FOE What do you listen to?

RICK The new Cosmic Psychos, Union Carbide Productions. I think the Rev. Fred Lane on Shimmy Disc., has the coolest, hilarious sense of humor. You've got to hear it. MC5... I didn't get into the Stooges until a few years ago,... I'm really diggin deep to find bands that kick my ass!

FOE Common thread on all your albums, the color yellow...

RICK Dave Landis does our covers, I think he just has an affection for yellow, its eye grabbing, Its a marketing ploy.

FOE Who's the naked guy on your 7"?

RICK Doug, our bass player.

FOE What about the Ted Nugent thing inside the new lp, "Hornet Pinata"?

RICK That's an actual letter from Ted Nugent. A friend of ours, Shawn Burns' wife wrote a fan letter to Ted and that's the actual letter he wrote back.

FOE How is it playing in a band with your brother? (Rick and Brad are bros)

BRAD I worked with my step dad, & its like that. He expected 50% times more, shit on me twice as much as the other employees... Its the same thing with the band.

RICK We got all of the bullshit out of the way a long time ago. We've been playing together for years. It was really hard earlier on, cuz we'd get into really bad fights. Over a period of time I just realized that he really can't play drums that well, and I learned to live with that.

BRAD The slugging part is out of the way, we can pretty much talk to each other now.



FOE The German stuff in "Captain Ahab", is that just to put your high school German class knowledge to use?

RICK Yeah, I had 4 years of German in high school, and I said no way am I gonna let that education go to waste.

FOE Every couple of sentences on the lyric sheet you've got lines describing cars...

BRAD Fuck the Beach Boys, WE ARE THE CAR BAND OF THE 90's! They can suck our ass! The DIDJITS do cars right! We put the right power behind car songs.

FOE Is this the same line up ...

BRAD No, me and Rick have been playing together for about 10 years, doing Ramones covers etc... When we decided to get serious we kicked our other people out of the band and got Doug as our bass player. We've been together as the DIDJITS for about 5 years. "Signifies my Go-T" came out in like '85.

FOE So when are you gonna put out a Sub Pop single?

BRAD Fuck Sub Pop!

RICK You've got to really dig deep to find any cool rock action...

BRAD The only good decision Sub Pop has made for quite some time was putting out the Cosmic Psychos lp. That album just kicks our ass. Everyone get it!

FOE You don't do "Sweet Sweet Satan" live.

RICK Can't be done.

BRAD We used to have our soundman play guitar on tour...

RICK As opposed to the other albums we did, there's a lot of songs we knew were going to be studio songs, songs we couldn't pull off live. I mean, live we do side A of the album, side B is virtually untouchable. Whereas "Hey Judester", we did all those songs live, we were focused on playing live, not putting out an album. We didn't know we were gonna put out an album, we were just writing songs to play live. With the new album, we were focused on putting out an album.

FOE If you added another guitar player would you be able to do that?

RICK Yeah, but no one can work with us.

BRAD The reason we went through 3 bass players, 2 rhythm guitarists, and a drummer; I used to play guitar before drums... Doug is easy going etc... So he's a true DIDJIT.

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FOE Hey those are nice shoes, did you steal those out of the 70's?

RICK My girlfriend got me those. How many dudes have girlfriends who would buy them stacks!

FOE Any tips on packing equipment?

BRAD Golf bags are the best thing to carry cymbal stands, I was making 2 trips and now I make one. I used to play golf when I was a kid, to look good for my dad's friends, now I've got a better use for the bag.

FOE Why haven't you sold your soul to satan?

RICK Satan is over rated...

FOE Final comments...

BRAD Buy the Cosmic Psychos lp "Go the Hack"

RICK We got some dissin' to do...

Soundgarden... we dared them to try to kick our ass... Who else do we hate...

BRAD I saw Soundgarden, I thought it was a really long song, and then someone told me they were on their 5th song... I gotta tell ya about how we got the name "Hornet Pinata" for the new lp. We figured that'd be the best thing to fill a pinata with, but here's a true story. We had a show in Champagne Illinois @ Mables and we had a contest going on at the door, and you signed your name on a sheet of paper and dropped it in a box and the person who's name was drawn got to bust the pinata that was hanging over the crowd. We told them it was filled with t-shirts. This big guy won, he jumps off the stage, busts the pinata open, and we of course had the pinata filled with creamed corn. Creamed corn went everywhere. There were no t-shirts to be seen. We thought that was pretty cool, once again the Audience loses.

