

WALTER KRUG

Walter Krug is one of the Lehigh Valley's strongest bands.

Their first 7" was released on FOE records...Live photo by Mr. Short, others by Reds...



FOE How is it being brothers in a band? Usually brotherly fights can be pretty brutal. (Jesse -guitar/vocals and Cody -drums are bros)

WK-C I'm the younger brother, so I get screwed.

WK-J We've been playing together since he was in 4th grade. We started in a band with our Dad. In fact it is weird to play with anybody else. It is actually good (keeping it in the family), because you don't have the usual band problems, like tracking someone down for practice, when you live in the same house.

FOE How is it with Eirik (drum) having his side project band, the Saps, along with Walter Krug?

WK-J No problems so far. Cuz we're all alternates for the side project.

WK-C I consider myself a Sap in reserve.

FOE How do you non drunks in the band (J&C) like being in a band with a raving drunk (E)?

WK-J Usually it's no problem, but there were some shows when he was drunk and it pissed the hell out of me. The worst part is that when he's drunk he thinks he's playing great.

WK-C Yeah, he's going, "This is great!"

WK-J See I went through that when I was younger. I got arrested for drinking when I was 15. Then I cooled it. Every now and then I drink or something. A lot of our songs come from being drunk.

WK-C I've never been drunk in my life.

WK-J Everyone's got to go thru it. Eirik was clean his whole life, and he just started drinking. So hopefully it won't last to the point where it will kill him. But if it does, then we'll get famous and get another bass player... A guy from the Heartdrops gave us the biggest compliment, he said we reminded him of the Replacements, and he doesn't even know about Eirik's drinking, so the reference was just musically.

FOE How often do you contemplate suicide (their 7" has references to what each member of the band does with their spare time)?

WK-C You know... I don't.

WK-J He's in denial.

WK-C Well, I mean Eirik doesn't sweet talk your mom, and Jesse hasn't broken my heart (what the 7" says they do in their spare time).

WK-J It's all just the opposite. I get my heart broken all the time. Eric's mom sweet talks him, and suicide stalks Cody.

WK-C Everyone who comes in contact with me commits suicide.

WK-J A girl comes up to Cody at our show at the Troc, and says she wants to have sex with him. He says, "No, I have a girlfriend". She's a goner, she killed herself. She set herself on fire, that's how that whole Troc fire started.

FOE Was that the same show the guys from EMI talked to you?

WK-J I guess they were there to see Weston. We're obviously not as big as Weston. They took us all (Weston on Walter Krug) out to eat at Taco Bell. It was so much fun cuz we all just made fun of them (EMI people). They were 30 year guys, who were out of it. We, me and Chuck Weston, were making up all these stupid phrases to make it seem like that's the way the kids were talking these days. I said to Chuck, "I sure could go to get 'bombarded' with tacos." And these guys started talking like us. We were just making up stuff that made no sense at all.

WK-C Oh man that is so 'half'.

WK-J The guy came up to us after the show and told me that he really enjoyed the set. And then me and Dave Weston just talked to him about Mexican porn. The guy is like "I really liked your set, I'd like to talk to you when you get a chance". And I'm like, "Do you like Mexican porn? They do it with raccoons down there?" I think we offended him so much nothing came out of it. I just felt like, instead of kissing their ass, just do the opposite.

FOE How do you feel about the photo book your dad put out (it has naked pictures of Cody and Jesse in it).

WK-C I'm all for it.

WK-J We're just used to it. We've been photographed all our lives. It doesn't phase me that people are looking at pictures of me naked. I'd be embarrassed if I was Cody. There is a picture of him in here and he's like 15 and has no pubic hair.

WK-C I was 12!

WK-E Dork! He still doesn't have any pubic hair.



FOE So how did you meet the brothers (to Eirik)?

WK-E I met them, at a show they played as Meatleaf. About 6 years ago.

WK-C We did like three Nirvana covers and Eirik liked them. And then six more songs inspired by Nirvana.

WK-J It was inspired by idiocy. Man, we made no sense at all. We had songs about falling in love with wolves. Running over wolves with a car and then I take off their fur and put it on and become a wolf. A song about guys getting pregnant.

FOE Give me the story about the kids picture on the back cover of your 7".

WK-E We were really bored one night, so we took my camera to a Northampton Football game. We told all these little kids that Jesse was from the band Collective Soul, and I was a photographer from Spin magazine. You can't tell from the picture, but there were like 25 kids all trying to huddle in the picture.

FOE Tell me the story about the concussion you got while playing...

WK-J About a month ago we were playing a show at Dewey Fire Company in Hellertown, PA. I dressed in total drag. I was a beautiful woman. Black stockings, black dress, a wig, makeup, the whole thing, tho, I was flat in the breast department. We played our set, and we were trying to get the kids going, get them to let loose, it was right at the time of the Olympics. So I started running around, yelling "It's the Olympics everybody".

WK-C 1-2-3 It's Olympic fun for me!

WK-J Eirik is naked, I'm running around in a dress, Cody is wearing a wrestling singlet.. I put Cody in a pile driver. The whole time in the background

Eirik is yelling "How many of you girls want me to shoot some come all over your dress?"

WK-C We're breaking like ten laws here.

WK-J So then I pick up Cody's drum chair, or "drum throne" as drummers like to call it, and start throwing it up in the air and catching it on my head, with the cushion part, trying to balance it. I was making up my own Olympic act. I did it about 3 times, and the last time I threw it, it took an extra turn in the air and I catch the metal leg right in the forehead. I drop right to the ground, screaming, and I have a video of it. Send me a tape and \$7 and I'll make you a copy of it. I eventually blacked out and puked. I didn't go to the hospital, but I heard if you puke, it's a concussion. That was a fun show.

FOE So did you get a rise out of the crowd or what?

WK-E I think they were scared.

WK-J Between Eirik yelling about shooting cum...

WK-E I got two offers, they got all excited they wanted me to do it.

WK-J Girls have to start respecting themselves. We've gotten some sick offers lately that just make me lose respect for some women. Eirik had two girls come up and say they were interested. He was just joking, he doesn't really mean he's going to shoot cum all over their dresses. They offered themselves to him. I'm just of the frame of mind that if you like someone you just come up to them and say let's hang out. I don't go for the slutty act.

WK-E I go for it.

WK-J We had girls in New York pass me a note written in lipstick... "Jesse, we want to suck your dick".

WK-C That was after we told them a bunch of lies about our tour.

WK-E We got lost in Harlem that night.

WK-J Our driver/roadie has way too much weed in his system. He's driving with a bong in one hand and the wheel in the other.

WK-E I look out the window when we were driving, and this group of thugs looks at us and growl, "Fuck You!" We also stopped at a truck stop on the way home at 4 am, and we walk in and like the needle skips on the jukebox as we walk in and everyone looks at us. I had grease in my hair, it was up in one giant spike. I order sausage with pork gravy to fit in.

WK-J They had "pussy packets" in the bathrooms.

WK-C It was two little photographs, that are so blurry...

WK-E The package says, "like nothing you've ever seen!"

WK-C "Two quarters. Pussy photos." And it comes in a little condom package. The place was like half diner half porno store.

WK-J What question are we answering? I guess it doesn't matter... We ran over two squirrels on the way home, at the same time, one under each of the front tires.

FOE It is that suicide thing following Cody around!

WK-J Ask us our influences.

WK-E PORK!

WK-J Truckers run on the same thing their trucks run on, grease!

FOE How do you (Cody and Jesse) feel growing up as second generation punk rockers (their dad being a punk rocker).

WK-J It's been nice. Growing up the way I did, hell, I don't know what I'd be like if it weren't for my dad. I wasn't allowed to watch television. I remember being like, "Dad let me watch Who's the Boss" and he'd be like "No, that shit will rot your mind". Now I can enjoy "Who's the Boss" for the crap that it is, but then, I think I would have taken it seriously and gotten fucked up. My dad used to play punk and new wave all the time. He was friends with all of his students at Northampton Community College. I did go through a heavy metal stage. I thought it was normal going to see the Misfits and the Ramones every year.

WK-C I went to see Billy Idol when I was 5 or 6.

WK-J We were pretty lucky, most parents don't know a thing about music. It's good to have an open mind. You know you are a good person if you are young at heart, and know how to act at what time. Like you (referring to FOE), you are young at heart, but know when it's time to go to work.

FOE So what happens if Eirik gets really drunk at another show. Are you going to kick him out of the band?

WK-J Not kick him out, but if it happens, we're just not going to play the show.

WK-J The coolest thing is getting naturally high from playing. It doesn't happen all the time, but it does happen.

FOE So what is next for Walter Krug?

WK-J We want to go into the studio. Do a cd. We are talking to Digger about going out on tour with them. But Cody has to finish high school.

FOE What else do you have going on in your lives besides the band.

WK-C I am the comic master! I work in a comic book store and my paycheck doesn't leave the store. I get 42 books a month. And I'm a drama nerd. I couldn't go see J Church cuz I was in "Fame" that night.

WK-J I work at Barnes and Noble. I'm taking a year off from college. I was trying to go to school to figure out what I wanted to major in. I was best at graphic design, but I hated it. We're gonna try to work hard at the rock and roll dream. I also play video games. Ok Eirik, what do you do outside of the band?

WK-C Drink...

WK-E I just have a good time and bitch at everyone and buy way too many records.

FOE Do you have anything else you want to mention?

WK-J Me and Eirik need a roommate. So we wanted to say that.

WK-E The only rules are that basically we can have any friends over we want, but you can't have any.

WK-J And if we feel like drinking, we can, but we don't want any drinkers.

WK-E We just basically want you to stay in your room and shut the fuck up.

WK-J The only thing you can do is tell your friends that you live with Walter Krug. So fuck you! Oh, we're looking for girls too.

FOE To live with you?

WK-J Nahh, just to be friendly with...

WK-E To be sensitive to, to be intimate.

WK-J To be friends with and cuddle, cuz we're nice.

WK-C I was told that we are the most dysfunctional band in the universe. She said you (J) were crazy.

WK-E I'll agree with that. I think you are crazy. I think you are insane.

WK-J My doctor says that I am not insane.

WK-E Come on, sometimes we talk in beeps.

WK-J That is just ultra intelligence.

WK-E Genius. Insane. Same fucking thing!

FOE Oh wait. What is up with the name Walter Krug.

WK-E Walter is my great-grandfather, who passed away about a year ago. So I was like, Walter, that is an interesting name. So our name was Walter for awhile.

WK-J Actually our name was Betty for awhile but then Helmet released that album "Betty", so...

WK-E So then my brother suggested we put a last name on it, cuz we didn't like Walter. We looked through the phone book and then there was a heading on the page, Krug. And actually there is a guy named Walter Krug who lives up in Danielsville.

