

The Bio Repost by 26z:.....

Since the first EP release in 2001-2002, the name Naive (quiet) has become synonymous with the Industrial band 26z. Numerous EP's and demo's have been released by 26z including the original 'Death' EP (2002), 'The DarkFlower Tragedies' (2003), 'Symbols Of Fascism' (2004 Bootleg), the 'Epoch' EP (2004), the 'Revised Death' EP (2005) as well as various promotional releases including the '26z Radio Edit' (2007) and 'Public Mayhem [InDust]' (2009). A majority of these previously released EP's are no longer available for public sale, however, Mp3's are available at the Official 26z Site in the Discography Section.....

The Industrial band 26z has recently finished recording the iNURE: A Vision Of Endearment release, expected in early 2010. After relocating from Los Angeles (CA) and more than 16 months of recording, hidden in the desolate mountains of the North Western United States, Naive (quiet) offers an answer to the question once asked of 26z by former Beach Boy Bruce Johnston: 'Where's the Pop?' The CD, originally expected to be released in the Fall of 2009, is currently in the Mastering process and is expected to be released May 29th 2010. Mp3 Pre-Masters are NOW AVAILABLE! Mastered tracks will be available in the near future. Live performances are currently being scheduled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 AGGRESSIVE (anti-METAL) Tour. Some delays are expected. Merchandise will be available in the near future....

Intro.....

With a look that can't be denied and a sound that reaches the inner cortex of your brain, 26z hailing from California is ready to line your souls with industry. Mastering programming is an art form that 26z have learned and splayed on a canvas like Picasso. As they plan for their Anti-Metal Aggressive Tour this year Naive (quiet), Siren, and Z. Phen are honing their skills and getting ready to show the world the depth of their lives. We spoke with Naive to get a better feel for the band so without further ado, let's get to it.....

JW: Let's get into the head of Naive. When you write your songs do you have any special rituals you do or any place you like to write?....

Naive: When I write I usually don't settle on one writing style. I would have to say that it all depends on the final product. Do I want something thought out and melancholy or do I want something that speaks to the masses, using more obscene imagery? All with a pop approach, of course, (laughing). I was informed by Siren, 26z's Noise DJ, that I am notorious for writing in the most dismal places. I'll make sure to carry a flashlight.....

JW: How long have you guys been together?....

Naive: I originally formed 26z pre New Millennium... But after a number of setbacks and lineup changes we were not able to release any material publicly until 2001. After performing across the US for nearly a decade with various live performers, I thought it would be in my best interest to ensure at least one additional member didn't leave. So I married 26z's Noise DJ, Siren... for this reason only (laughing)!? After one of our poorly planned 6 month vacations, we found a San Diego native hiding in a cubicle in the mountains. Z.Phen is now 26z's guitarist. I think within the last year the lineup changes have only been with 26z's offstage staff. I even worked with former 26z guitarist Twitch on the iNURE release, now known as electro artist Siris Phi, whom I've known since 26z was established.....

JW: Who are your major influences?....

Naive: I was raised on MTV since 1981. So I can say I have pop culture well covered through the 1980's. But, if it wasn't commercial pop garbage; it was bands like Skinny Puppy or Prick. I was raised in a major punk scene interbred with rave kids... Now look. Here's a fun fact: Siren couldn't name most bands pre 2004. But if you had a piece of classical music or a musical number you needed help remembering she would be the one to go to. As for Z.Phen, he's partial to classic rock. The kind your parents listened to!? I'm not saying that Lynard Skynard's not good...?....

JW: What is the music scene like where you are at?....

Naive: Siren and I moved from Los Angeles, CA to a discreet location in the mountains, conveniently located on a natural glacier fed lake. I would assume that the local music scene is in a well furnished basement somewhere (laughing). 26z has performed with a number of local bands in the NW US and have noticed that the crowds aren't as large as you would expect, however, the support for music and the arts is widely accepted and appreciated by fans of all ages. I think the trick is in promotion and hype or flipping the coin in the right manner.....

JW: What message do you send to people?....

Naive: (Laughing) Probably the wrong one. I think it varies per release. I'm very particular about what is said. I have been told I say "very distasteful things in a tasteful manner". Here's to hoping there's more to this. I think people need to come to terms with their own realizations, allowing for change... Sometimes positive, sometimes not. My guru says this is how empires are made!?!....

JW: What bands would you tour with if you could?....

Naive: I heard rumors about touring with Skinny Puppy in 2003, during the Excoriation 1334/ 26z fiasco. I thought the opp sounded too good to be true. I never got to do a 26z version of Assimilate with Ogre!? I think that would make me smile.....

JW: What is your favorite piece of gear?....

Naive: My favorite piece of equipment would have to be the newest one. I just recently got a \$15,000 overhaul to my laptop and the \$10,000 Kurzweil is always useful. But I would have to say the recording equipment is probably the most important. Without the recording hardware I wouldn't even be able to record myself beat box if I wanted to!? I have learned that price doesn't matter when it comes to creating music, but production value and reliable equipment do really help.....

JW: Do you read a lot? If so what can you recommend?....

Naive: (I read) On occasion, when I can find the time. I think my book collection is rather small, totaling no more than 300 titles. I would have to say the Theories of Francis Bacon (1935) was rather interesting, as well as the Mormon Bible, The Book of Judas or The Lamb And The Fur her... Don't ask, I don't even know how these books come into my possession. Siren is currently reading The Last Temptation of Christ. I think I'm noticing a sick trend!?!....

JW: What is your favorite movie and Why?....

Naive: David Lynch's Eraserhead (1976) in my eyes has no equal... Well maybe Bambi Meets Godzilla. I think that my band members would agree. The movie itself (Eraserhead) portrays personal struggle in an eerie, yet provocative manner, all captured in classic black and white. Modern film seems to have forgotten what theater was originally about (IE: The Glass Menagerie), this includes bad films like Paranormal Activity. And I think I paid for the rental!?!....

JW: If you had to be cast as a movie character who would it be and why?....

Naive: Tough question. Probably the one that you didn't notice at first in every major film, the stand in that got the job because they either looked the part or they knew the production staff, not because of the years of tedious training. I would have to say Kazzam had a pretty neat trick with the raining food. But then again Flint Lockwood had a techno monkey. I think I would have to be something cute and fuzzy. Maybe my vote is with Steve, the monkey. In the words of Siren: Go Team Fuzzy Monkeys!....

JW: Where can we get 26z stuff?....

Naive: 26z Propaganda, such as clothing and stickers, are generally available through the Official 26z Music Site (www.00665MultiMedia.com/26z) OR search for 26z via any major search engine, your bound to find mini commercial sites scattered throughout the internet that offer ordering information. The new CD is expected to be available through outlets such as Amazon, iTunes and various other secure, convenient locations. Currently 26z is discussing being included on RBN Network for all major gaming consoles as well. Bless Management companies.....

JW: Do you have anything coming up to promote?....

Naive: Currently 26z is finalizing our 7th release, and ironically our 1st full length album, iNURE: A Vision Of Endearment which will be available for sale May 29th 2010. We have also been approached by New Zealand's Satanica Records, and have agreed to release an alternate US Import version of the iNURE release, which happens to include the original cover censored in the US.

JW: Lastly, What are your plans for the future?

Naive: I think I'm going to register to vote... Other than that, there is an attempt being made to continue booking The 26z AGGRESSIVE US Tour, as well as numerous future 26z releases being discussed. I'm also working on a 3D animated Children's Program based on literary characters both Siren and I have created. Disney Imagineers were once on my side, so I can only cross my fingers.....

Suggested Listening:.... "Simplicity of Perfection" comes at you with an addictive opening percussive line that sticks to you like velcro. You hear it and want more of it which you get as the song grows and grows. With shades of Trent Reznor and even a dash of Prodigy, you get sucked into this song's whispery vocals and piano industrial lines that prove these guys and gal know the art of industrial rock. Listen to this song several times to get the full effect. So light a candle and get out the eyeliner and enjoy the musical feast that is 26z.....