



THE DWARVES

PUNK ROCK LEGEND Blag Dahlia schools a Special Ed teacher about *The Dwarves are Born Again* record, and the rebirth of the band that just wouldn't die. —Miss Audrey

You have a lot of experience working with troubled young girls. Do you consider yourself to be a humanitarian? Working with unwed mothers is fulfilling work. It's challenging, but the rewards can really be big. We're gonna be in different towns lining up female volunteers. We're trying to touch as many young lives as we possibly can. That is the idea behind *The Dwarves Are Born Again*, the new LP. It's a rebirth, a return to the womb of punk rock.

Can you share with me your most treasured family memory of your mother?

My most treasured memories are with your mother.

Speaking of family, it sounds like The Dwarves are kind of your special family. Who played on ...*Born Again*?

He Who Cannot Be Named—the original masked avenger—wrote a lot of the pop tunes on the record. The Fresh Prince of Darkness, he came up with some heavy metal thunder. Gregory Pecker, Dutch Ovens—the usual suspects—and some ancient heroes like Rex Everything, Latin Josh Freese, Dexter Holland, Spike from the Gimme Gimmies... Really everybody from the whole history of The Dwarves. Even Saltpeter and

Vadge Moore from the *Blood, Guts & Pussy* record. It's the 25th anniversary of the band, so we brought everyone together in one huge celebration of perversion and decadence.

You've been the most attractive man in the music business for 25 years now. What's the secret to eternal beauty?

Clean living, a positive mental attitude, and kindness towards all sentient beings. I exfoliate and do my toenails three times a week. You look like Ileana Douglas, only more attainable.

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Why thank you.

This is your introduction to the Dwarves, Miss Audrey. We're a little older than you, but we're just as mixed up.

I always say, “It's nice to share.” But with the new album, I understand you've offered incentives for people not to share.

There are pictures of naked women and the sound quality is way better if you actually buy the vinyl—or even if you get the CD. The listening experience is way better and there's something to look at. You also may

want to see the *25 Years of the Notorious Dwarves* DVD that's free with every purchase. There's even going to be a Dwarves skateboard. **Do you have any original dessert recipes that you're working on?**

I do, and I'm gonna e-mail that to you later. You're gonna love it. It's the “Skull and Boners Cake.” It's an intense recipe designed for true gourmets, and I know a lot of people who read *Thrasher* spend time in the kitchen and want to make a fancy dessert with a Dwarves theme. So now you'll have that option.

(T-Ed: Miss Audrey never received said dessert recipe. She did, three weeks later, get a pithy email that was unrelated and generally creepy.)

Can you talk a little about your lyrics? Oh dear.

They come from chaos, hedonism. They revolve around the abuse of substances, debauchery, and mayhem. The last record we did was called *The Dwarves Must Die*, so we needed to make a comeback. ...*Born Again* is a celebration of punk rock and insanity and cheating death one last time. ♠

(Check out thedwarves.com for dirty pictures, free songs and videos, and new tour dates)