The Short-But-Sweet Interview: The Dwarves' Blag Dahlia

Blag Dahlia explains why the Dwarves are one of the last true punk bands, and to borrow a new song title, why "The Dwarves Are Still The Best Band Ever."

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Few modern day rock bands are as unpredictable and confrontational on stage as the Dwarves are.

Known for an over-the-top live act that involves a singer (Blag Dahlia) who never thinks twice to mix it up with the audience and a guitarist (HeWhoCannotBeNamed) who enjoys performing only in a mask and little else, the band is set to celebrate their 25th anniversary with a new album, *The Dwarves Are Born Again*, which arrives on May 3 via the MVD Entertainment Group.

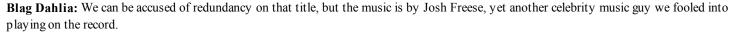
Recently, Blag was courageous enough to undergo "The Short-But-Sweet Interview" with UGO.

UGO: Who are some of the special guests you've assembled for *Born Again*? **Blag Dahlia:** Dexter Holland, Spike Slawson, Eric Valentine, Gary Owens, Nick Oliveri, and Dwarves alumni like Sgt. Saltpeter, Vadge Moore. It's a cast of thousands!

UGO: How was it recording once more with former Dwarves Vadge Moore and Sgt. Saltpeter?

Blag Dahlia: Brilliant, they keep getting more demented as the years roll on. Especially Vadge! He is the guy who did all the things fans thought I did.

UGO: What are the social ramifications of titling a song "I Masturbate Me"?



UGO: Who is the diminutive gentleman who adjourns the Dwarves' album covers?

Blag Dahlia: Bobby Faust Rock Legend. Known as New York's Finest. He sure digs them naked chicks!

UGO: As stated in the song title "The Dwarves Are Still The Best Band Ever," what exactly makes the Dwarves "The Best Band Ever"? **Blag Dahlia:** 25 years without management or handlers. A true punk band that can actually play. Records that get better instead of worse. Let's face it, we're not just the best band ever. We're the only band left!

UGO: I've read that you used to be friendly with Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love. Any standout stories of hanging out with them?

Blag Dahlia: I remember being thrown out of a dressing room by Courtney's handlers in SF, I think I was drunk or something. Never spoke much to Kurt, but he did like to shoot that dope didn't he? Is there any real difference between Guns N' Roses and Nirvana? Call me if you figure it out.

UGO: In past interviews, you haven't hidden stating your fondness for cocaine. How much cocaine would you guess you've consumed over the years?

Blag Dahlia: Drugs are bad, but free drugs stimulate the economy, at least of Peru. Why is it that when black people smoke coke it's called crack, but when white people do it they call it freebase? Food for thought.

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