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Interview with My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult By Rafi Shlosman

Being a sleazy and unapologetic band is something many have tried, however most have failed and ended up toning down. That is not something My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult has ever had moral issues with or even shied from in the slightest. For example, when Marilyn Manson was a mere journalist, he confessed to interviewing them and being scared from the whole experience.

This band of social deviants are now returning to the road with the legendary Lords of Acid; for a return to a tour that shocked the senses 15 years ago. Before I head out to join them on this tour that would make Caligula take notice, I talked to Buzz McCoy to give you a taste of things to come:

Rafi: So you guys just wrapped up a mini west coast tour to warm up, how did that go?

Buzz McCoy: It was lots of fun. We played a lot of older material that is going to be on our 'Sinister Whispers' compilation. It was great to go out there and play this older material that we hadn't played in years. There were some very enthusiastic old timers (both of us laughing) who were really happy to hear this material.

Rafi: Well through the years you have put together quite a bit of material, is it getting hard to come up with a set list, or do you guys mix it up every night?

Buzz: No, once we get a set list down we pretty much stick to it. We are getting old and feeble so it is hard for us to have more than 15 songs down at one time. (both of us laughing)

Rafi: The Sextreme Ball is the first time you and Lords of Acid will be



sharing a stage in 15 years, what was the original tour like?

Buzz: Well there is not much I remember...

Rafi: That must mean it was one hell of a tour.

Buzz: (laughing) Not always! I



and sweaty tour, and it was so unique at the time. This is a tour that really caters to the fetish crowd, and I don't think there are many tours that lean in that direction.

Rafi: Speaking of the fetish side of things, we are wrapping up the tour in Phoenix at the Arizona Fetish Ball, I would say that is pretty appropriate.

Buzz: (laughing) Very, what can I say these are definitely our kind of peeps. It's the perfect chemistry, we love them and they love us. Most of our songs are about alternative sexuality and lifestyles.

Rafi: On this tour you are going to be met with a lot of the younger generation from VampireFreaks, any warning or disclaimer you want to give them before they see the tour?

Buzz: (laughing) Not really, these kids are not shocked by too much. Since the net everything is so readily open to them that most of them have seen it all by now. Back when we were 8 or 9, finding a Playboy was a very big deal. (both of us laughing)

Rafi: When Thrill Kill was started it was an era before the Internet explosion, what are your thoughts on those advancements?

Buzz: I think it is a great thing, it's one of the best ways for talented and ambitious artists to get out there and be heard. If it was not for us getting on Wax Trax! who knows where we would of ended up? We didn't have Myspace to fall back to that is for sure. We don't do a whole bunch with our's now, we just generally keep our fans up to date with everything going on.



Rafi: Do you think it

hinders the labels at all?

Buzz: It certainly is hurting them now, I don't know if Wax Trax! would have existed if something like that was around back then.

Rafi: This year saw the unfortunate passing of Danny from Wax Trax!, how do you remember him?

Buzz: Danny was a very near and dear friend of mine, we had been through so much together. It's these kind of moments that make you realize that the older you get, the more people you know drop off. Has always made me wonder why I am still alive, I thought I would be gone ages ago. (both of us laughing)

Rafi: Well a few bands that you came from that era have decided to call it quits lately, what keeps Thrill Kill going?

Buzz: Well we could be like them and say we are ending it, make a bunch of money from a final tour, stay gone for a bit, and then come back. (both of us laughing) That is at least what the smart bands are doing, even Smashing Pumpkins just did it. That however is not who we are, we actually have a tale to tell and we love getting out there to play live. Whether it was a big show or a small show we never cared, we just wanted to play.

Rafi: Now on this tour you are going to have Levi, Jacky Blacque, and Sinderella Pussy returning to the line up?

Buzz: Yeah we are pretty excited about Jacky and Sinderella splitting the tour! Levi will be there and Otto will be our drummer, he has been on a few albums with us. It is going to be great to have the old crew together again.

Rafi: What made you guys decide to come back together?

Buzz: When I was approached about possibly doing the Sextreme Ball tour, I really wanted for our older fans, their kids, and any new fans; to get that experience like the original tour. Sure we have changed over the years, and done our



own thing but this is a celebration. So people can expect to hear a lot of the older material and the big dance club hits that we have.

Rafi: I have to share that there is an individual who comes out to the industrial nights out here, and always demands from us DJs to play "Sex on Wheelz". Will you be featuring that song?

Buzz: (laughing) I think for this tour we will be pulling that one out of the bag. There was a point where I never wanted to play that song again, but I think this time around they will be itching for it.

Rafi: For all those younger fans out there, what are five things that they should bring to the band backstage?

Buzz: Hmmm... Some kind of illicit drug, definitely pot, vodka is always nice, and any girls would be great!

Rafi: (both of us laughing) Getting straight to the point, sex, drugs, and Rock and Roll!

Buzz: And that is all you need to have a good time!

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