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GAME CHARACTER EVOLUTIONS

## GUITAR HERO: WORLD TOUR

BY DAVONNE ARMSTRONG

Imagine you and four friends are in a rock cover band. You've been invited to go around the world to play tons of venues—some legendary, some underground—for millions of fans. With the promise of appearances by Sting, Zakk Wylde, and Ozzy Osbourne.

Yes, an opportunity of a lifetime. An opportunity that only World Tour can simulate, because, honestly, do you think Sting would show his face on stage while you butcher "Don't Stand So Close to Me" with your inability to stay in tune?

With this version of *Guitar Hero*, there are plenty of surprises to keep the band on edge, such as a drum battle with Travis Barker of Blink-182 and a guitar stand off with Black Label Society's front man.

The graphics are crisp, and the instruments are extra sensitive. And as usual, Activision delivers a choice set list of classics, as well as modern rock singles. Some advice: play Van Halen's "Hot For Teacher" on medium; you'll never beat the game otherwise.

For more info, go to: [guitarhero.com](http://guitarhero.com)



## LYRICAL MEDICATION: FEATURING VIC RUGGERIO

BY ANGELA LUCZEJKO

For many of us, lyrics are our antidote to the toughest situations.

Can you remember the song you listened to 187 times when your seventh grade crush broke your heart? You can easily remember every single lyric, but you don't even remember their name. Every issue, we will take a look at a specific artist and chime in with that song, which had the power of taking us into another state of mind.

This issue, we take a look at the James Dean of ska himself, Mr. Vic Ruggiero of The Slackers.

After cementing himself as a musical presence in over 95 releases, 10 of them being his own solo work, and swooning guys and girls alike with that amazing New York voice; Vic's lyrics have always seemed to be the lynchpin in creating that moment eternally ingrained in your memory. The following comes from Ruggiero's recent solo release, *Something in My Blindspot*, and is for any of you who kept up hope that there was someone out there who'd come around and not make us feel so alone.

*I waited long when there was no one there for me.  
I held your hand down there when no one else could see.  
Kissed your lips and with them I swore.  
I'd always be there for your vacant stare.*

*When I said these words, I thought you may have wept.  
That dreaming was the only reason that I slept.  
And boredom was the only company I kept.  
Except for your vacant stare.*

— Vic Ruggiero



## POWER-UP THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT WITH VIDEOGAME THEATER

BY DAVONNE ARMSTRONG

### WARNING!

If you are expecting a wholesome show about the history of your favorite video game characters, you are greatly mistaken.

From the creators of *Crank Yankers*, *Team America*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *Free Style 101*, *VideoGame Theater* is a politically incorrect account of what videogame's greatest would have done with their free time... if they were muppets.

Whether it's *Pac-Man*'s pill-popping bad habits or *Frogger*'s suicide mission to destroy the U.S., *VideoGame Theater* is exactly what you would expect to see late at night on *Adult Swim*—a chronicle of hilariously inappropriate activities for a gamer with slightly skewed humor.

For more info, go to: [videogametheater.com](http://videogametheater.com)

