

# ROCK STEADY

DAREDEVIL JANE AIMS TO KEEP TRUE ROCK 'N' ROLL ALIVE

A recent night at Wave House in Mission Beach was an important one for Daredevil Jane, as a group of suits from Capitol Records gathered to check out this San Diego band up close. But not to worry; what other venue could complement Daredevil Jane's street urchin, pseudo-glam stylings more than Wave House, a simulated surf wave machine/tiki joint behind Cane's Bar and Grill? Reliably, the show turned out to be a chaotic display of distortion-laced intemperance. Good old, no-frills rock 'n' roll. Whether or not Daredevil Jane will be signed by Capitol or another label (they've been in talks with a few) has yet to be announced. But if there is any justice, we could all use a little more honest-to-evil, punk-inspired madness in our lives.

Daredevil Jane is comprised of Adrian Gunner (lead vocals), Micah Anderson (lead guitar), brother Matt Anderson (rhythm guitar), Chris Light (drums) and Chris O'Brien (bass). 944 caught up with a few of the guys in between the bathrooms and tour buses at Wave House, heavy-metal-parking-lot style.

**944: What's up with the group's name? It has a bit of an unusual origin from what we've heard ...**

**ADRIAN GUNNER:** Yeah. I knew this girl, Jane, who was a trustfund baby,

and she was like a lot of trustfund babies I knew from my neck of the woods; someone who would live life as a rolling stone. She'd have a check to live off of, and pretty much blew it all in a week on her fix — drinking and whatever. The money went pretty quick, and she'd spend most of her time doing, uh, certain things to earn more money for her fix.

**Like turning tricks and stuff?**

**GUNNER:** (laughs) Not turning tricks, but doing tricks, like doing little jumps into a trash can with her bike. Stupid stuff like that.



Playing all these gigs around town with various bands, is it safe to say that there is an overflow of rock with other genres nowadays?

**GUNNER:** Yeah, that's pretty much the case wherever we play. There have only been a couple times that we've played with actual rock bands. As far as band history, we've all been in different kinds of groups, but it's mostly been a straight-up rock thing for all of us. We're all big fans of Guns N' Roses and The Cult.

Now that you mention it, there is actually a sort of early Hollywood Rose/GNR vibe you guys give off, especially with Micah's Les Pauls (guitars).

**MICAH ANDERSON:** (motioning towards his guitars) Yeah, I'm really into Slash. I've got like four or five of these things. We've got the old '70s hi-watts and Marshall set-ups too, which helps us get that sort of dirty, street, in-your-face rock sound that we love.

So now comes Capitol Records. You guys have been together for less than a year. How does it feel to just suddenly be thrust into the spotlight and going through this "audition" tonight?

**ANDERSON:** I don't know. I think we're lucky in a lot of ways. Who knows? Adrian here was actually recommended to us by different people at a couple of local shows we went to, and that was it. As for if this show will be "it"... [Capitol] has actually been talking to us for a while now. Matt and I just had these songs lying around for so long, and all we needed was to get someone to sing them.

**GUNNER:** But I pretty much came from nowhere. I mean, it wasn't like I'd been in 14 bands or whatever. I'd sung in, like, one other group.

What about musical backgrounds?

**GUNNER:** I grew up on Motown, old R&B and old classic rock. I shared a room with my older brother, and he would always be playing these goth-rock records, and I'd go to sleep with all these songs going through my head. I mean, I was sort of deprived instrument-wise, but the education was good.

**ANDERSON:** Matt and I were the opposite [growing up]. There was pretty much always something going on with instruments in our family. I started off as a drummer and then I moved to guitar. Matt was like that for a while too, but now we do a whole bunch of instruments ... bass, guitar. Pretty much whatever we need now.

Who does most of the songwriting?

**ANDERSON:** Matt and I do most of it. We get help from our producers, Tommy Andrews and Niko Bolis.

What about living the rock star lifestyle? Any interesting tales of debauchery?

**GUNNER:** Well, we don't do drugs or anything like that ... never really seemed to need 'em. Our lifestyle is a rock 'n' roll lifestyle, but it focuses on other things.

Like the actual rock 'n' roll?

**GUNNER:** You got it.

Rock out with Daredevil Jane. For a schedule of upcoming shows in San Diego, check out [www.daredeviljane.com](http://www.daredeviljane.com)

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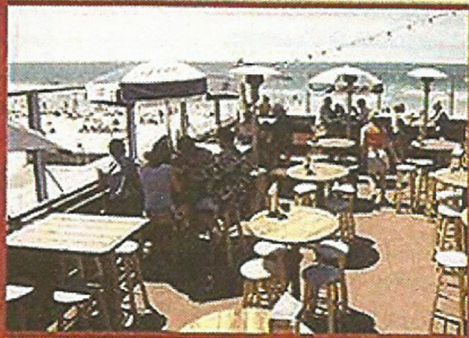
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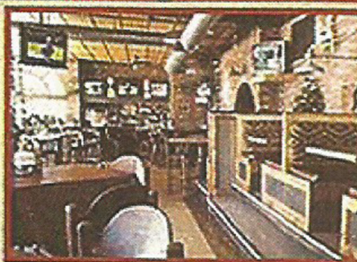
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