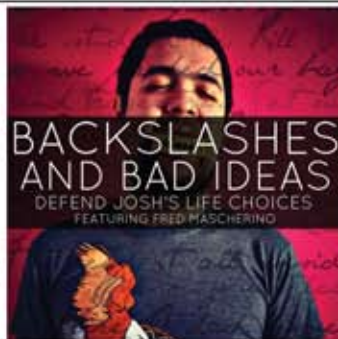


BACKSLASHES AND BAD IDEAS returns to Binghamton on June 29 with Lila Ignite and more!



► Hear the new track at <http://backslashesandbadideas.bandcamp.com/>
 Here is the interview with the band's Nick Depalo & Josh Cronopulos.

On your latest track, "Defend Josh's Life Choices," Fred Mascherino (of Taking Back Sunday / Terrible Things fame shares the vocals. How did that come about?

While Josh and I were playing the crane game at a local arcade, we won a rubix cube. Unbeknownst to us, this very rubix cube was actually the continuum transfunctioner. We were able to research and harness it's power to summon the ancient pop punk powers of Fred Mascherino to sing guest vocals on our new single. The rest was history. (Nick)

Your band has been to Binghamton a couple times. What draws you to playing the area?

We've been to Binghamton a few times in the past and we really love playing here. Not only for the really supportive fans and friends, but for the random Taco Bell in the middle of nowhere. Also because there are literally 50 porn shops apposed to 5-10 regular stores (one of which is Dick's Sporting Goods, we know the deal) and that's just hysterical to us. (Nick)

Have you found it easier playing shows in your hometown or on the road?

Definitely on the road. Since the scene around here is mostly either Hardcore or blink-182 pop-punk type bands. So it's kinda hard for us to fit in. We just find more people open to different kinds of music outside of our own hometown, that's all, I guess. (Josh)

What advice would you give bands wanting to play out at shows outside their hometown?

Just try finding the connections you need to play in different towns. Kid's have come up asking how to get out there and its pretty simple. Just try looking for musician facebook groups of areas you wanna play or ask people you know out there for connections and just message them or whatever you have to do and talk to them. If they dont answer, just move on to the next, ya know. (Josh)

Besides the new single, which was premiered on AltPress.com, what else is in the near future for Backslashes and Bad Ideas?

Going back into Exeter studio and hopefully finishing the "Defend Josh's Life Choices" EP before the summer ends. Since were pretty terrible at actually sitting down and getting crap done. We'll save touring or anything big like that for a later time, after were out of the studio. (Josh)

You recently signed to Harbor Records. What opportunities will this open for the band?

Actually getting us out on tour lol and just opening up more areas for us to get to out there to. We've had opportunities before to go out on tour, but we just weren't good at the time or other reasons. So hopefully this will give us the push we need to finally do something like that. (Josh)



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