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“SKOOKUM has been described as a HARD ‘70’s sound! The sounds are big and reminiscent of KISS, Sabbath and some of the Seattle bands of the early 1990s, the riffs fused to amusing lyrics that’d make Frank Zappa proud.” □ Tom Zillich, Surrey Now Published: Friday, November 30, 2007

In the beginning there was a catastrophic BOOM... and, without the use of an epidural, SKOOKUM was born. Skookum is a Pacific Northwest Chinook term for big, strong, powerful and swift. Most people know it as slang for “Big n’ tough” or impressive. The band’s sound? Powerful guitar riffs, big grooves with a walloping vocal punch! They sound SKOOKUM!

Of course, *making great music is serious business for this group* who claim **creativity and solid laughs as their mantra**. Skookum simply doesn’t feel it has to write gloomy material for it to rock. Look at the success of Queens of the Stone Age, Tool and Faith No More as examples of fresh and original heavy rock that doesn’t always dwell on the negative.

LIVE

See them live and they deliver. Their unique collection of anthems separates Skookum from the chaff of a multitude of similar sounding bands. The songs have serious muscle; but these guys also engage their audience with hilarious banter. Memorable tunes like “Use & Abuse Me” and “Jetfuel” are head crashing fun with tongue in cheek lyrics. Audiences have enjoyed their staple live classic “*the Team Canada Montage*”: a semi-cover song (from the 2004 “Team America” film) that may never get played on commercial radio but has them rollin’ in the aisles and patriotically punching fist to air!

Skookum has shared the stage with Moka Only, Sweatshop Union, the Black Halo’s and Todd Kerns (bassist with Slash), and they’ve been a featured performer at New Music West in Vancouver Canada.

VIDEOS

The first single from their debut CD, “El Stinko”, was a featured YouTube hit and one of Canada’s most watched rock videos in February 2008 at 20,000 plus views! During the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, SKOOKUM released their second video for “Rye (Can’t Remember)” in time to celebrate their hometown hosting the Games by boasting one of Canada’s favourite pastimes, drinking Rye Whiskey!

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COMICS!

Singer/guitarist Vanman uses his cartooning skills to embellish tales of life in an indie rock band with the ongoing series, SKOOKOMIX: a semi-autobiographical cross between Spinal Tap & KISS with some fantasy thrown in for good measure. The first issue was released in conjunction with debut album, Big Phat Sounds.

Check out the new album “Pleasure Cruz” released in Fall of 2013

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