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interview Russell Dowden & Omar Vallejo



Omar Vallejo and I recently sat down with Tim Mahoney guitarist of 311 @512 Studios and talked about the bands history and the upcoming album and their show here in Austin on August 4th.

Welcome to Rockstar Magazine. Tell us how the band is doing...

Well were doing good and we've been working on a record and for a little while there we thought we're going to be able to get it done before the tour, but it's tough and we want to give it enough time, so we are waiting until after the summer tour to get this new album right.

Yeah you guys are recording right now.

We'll be in the process of doing an OFFSPRING Cover. They recorded a version of DOWN- our so they were like "Yall got to do one of our songs". so, this week we've been working on one of their tracks actually. "Self Esteem" is the song we are re-recording this week of theirs, so we are having fun with that right now. We are trying to get that done before we go out of town this week, we're going to Trinidad this weekend. So just trying to hammer out this "Self Esteem" cover before the trip. We've been writing a lot of new songs and writing some really great riffs and stuff, so the bands just been chipping away at this record.

So we are just under a month now from leaving on tour with OffSpring, its kind of you know an end of the summer tour with Offspring and they are sweet dudes and we've been on tour with them lots of times.

How many tracks are on this new album Tim?

Man, you know what, it's not even determined yet, I honestly don't even know. It might be 15 or 20 songs. There is still a batch of them that need some writing done with them, so we're just getting them all recorded and then just kind of assess it as a group of songs which ones will make the cut or not. WE just give each song a bunch of love and after they are recorded we just judge an see, you know how many will really go on the new album.

How does it feel to be apart of a successful band for nearly 3 decades?

Man, you know it's a trip, I enjoy playing music more and more each year, so I mean we laugh about it too sometimes because its such a trip you know. It feels good though you know... I wish I had my knees back from when I was younger 30 years ago. But honestly

as time goes on I've enjoyed playing music more and more. I've always loved it but I'm just thankful that I belong in this band and we enjoy each other's company, and that the fans still enjoy the music that we are putting out.

Anytime that you work with people for 30 years it is a rare thing and whether it's a company or a business in this day in age it's rare, just to be able to get along that good. So, we are pretty good at working things out, and there's never any blow ups, but it doesn't matter what it is, whether it's marriage or whatever, that's a long time. We laugh about it as a band, you got a lot of gray hairs going on these days . . . (Laughs) . . .

Russell & Omar: "hey man we got a few gray hairs on our chin over here too man . . ."
(All Laugh). Omar: Hair club for Men!

Again we're here talking with the multi-Generational multi-platinum, multi -talented guitarists of 311 Tim Mahoney, gray hairs and all. (laughs)



You guys have a smoking device out there, THEIR OWN BEER, AND an Official DAY is named after them on March 11th which is 311 DAY! So, tell us Tim about the creation of 311 Amber Ale beer, where can we get some?

It is hard to find, but the Amber Ale is a little easier to find. But Rock Brothers Brewing is who brews the beers and you can find them on their website and you can mail order them. That is the Amber Ale. With you know the song "Amber" and then the more recent one is "Beautiful Disaster" Imperial IPA. The IPA is a P-Nut driven beer P-Nut really likes the strong beers. (Released on 11.3/2017 the IPA is 11.3% Alc).

rockbrothersbrewing.com Tony & Kevin are cool at Rock Brothers Brewery. I'm kind of a puss with Beer but I'll sit and smoke with those guys when we hang out. It's fun and a cool craft making beer.

March 11, 2000, 311 began celebrating an unofficial holiday . . Where are you guys performing Next year and Where did you play this year 2018?

Yeah, you know we do that every other year, we alternate 311 Day with our Cruise, so we did the 311 Cruise last year and this year we did a show in Vegas on 3/11/18. We did 2 nights there at the Monte Carlo with these huge video walls at the hotel there and our good buddy Bobby Grey designed all the lights in there and it was cool visual show and we performed like 80 songs over the course of 2

nights. It was a fun show, and historically we always did those shows in New Orleans but after Katrina we moved it to Memphis for a while and now Vegas. So next year we got the Cruise again.

What can Austin Expect from the August show date?

We are not leaving until like the middle of July and we have been only playing sparsely for 311 Day a gig here and there. So, we should be nice and warmed up by the Austin TX gig. We will try to get some old songs and make the deep catalog of tracks, and we will make the set list once we get into Austin that day, but yeah I'm looking forward to it, you guys got a great city you live in there.

Tim tell me some of your musical influences man? Like Guitarists?

Man, well A lot from Texas actually . . . Dime Bag Darryl is one of my all-time favorites. But when I was young and started playing guitar I like heavy metal and punk rock pretty much, but I loved Bad Brains, Eddie Van Halen and Randy Rhodes for me were heavy for me. I grew up on those guitar solos and rock music and I like Stevie Ray Vaughan, it's weird to think back about how man guys came from Texas. I think even Trey Anastasio of Phish was born in Texas, and lately here I been listening to Pantera a lot recently since Vinnie Paul just passed away.

Yeah man so sad, so young, I interviewed Vinnie a few years ago with HellYeah.

What do you like most about TEXAS?

Man that's a hard one man, but I guess I just have to really be thankful for Texas for the great guitarists as I mentioned before that all hail from Texas like Billy Gibbons, Dimebag Daryl, and I believe Trey Anastasio was born in Texas if I'm not mistaken. Also, one of all my all-time favorite guitar players is this guy named John Ziegler he was in a band called VOLTO, and I think they just had like one record, but Dann Carey from TOOL was the drummer in that band, just heavy heavy players, and even John Ziegler was from Texas you know so I guess really that is the first thing that comes to mind. So, I'm thankful for that, I'm from Nebraska up north from you guys, but Texas just yeah man!

Final Shout outs to the ATX Peeps from 311?

Just always love Austin and the food there and looking forward to making that setlist and we will be nice and warmed up you know on that leg of this tour, so it should be lots of fun.

Thanks so much Tim we will have Omar reach out to you guys as you get closer to the show date this August!



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