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STAN

STAN are a pop/rock/jazz duo from Hertfordshire, who play in a variety of styles from acoustic to full on rock. Their influences include classic Brit bands of the 60's and 70's including the Beatles, Kinks and Small Faces, plus more recent bands such as Supergrass and Paul Weller. Add to this a jazz influence, with a touch of Northern Soul, then you might have some idea of where STAN are coming from... And their current EP 'Lullaby From The Drive' with a collaboration with Detroit rapper, Leaf Erikson is the perfect example of this quirky sound that you're bound to have stuck in your head for days to come!

Having met via the MySpace internet site, and drawn by a mutual respect for jazz in general and Hammond virtuoso Jimmy Smith in particular, Neil, Tim, and Leaf hatched a plot to surprise the world. What they have achieved, despite being thousands of miles apart and never having met face to face, is a unique track (titled 'Lullaby From The Drive') that combines the dreamy backing of acoustic guitar, electric piano, bass, brushed drums and a very English vocal from Tim, with a cutting edge Detroit style rap from Leaf, and the amazing thing is, it works, it REALLY works!

Andrea Thorne, writing in Making Music Magazine awarded four stars and wrote "Catchy... Laidback grooves... Atmospheric... (with lyrics) that create some very vivid images, which is a bit of an art form in my opinion, I like songs that play like movies, so well done".

STAN first met in a pub, the "Early Doors" in Mansfield. "What were they doing in Mansfield?" you may ask, "Drinking and waiting for the football to start" they may tell you! Neil (vocals, guitars, dobro, keys), an ex-alligator tamer (okay, so they were only a foot long, but had very sharp teeth) and once worked as a roadie for T-Rex, (oh, reptilian coincidence, no?!). Neil writes STAN's lyrics - and like his hero, John Lennon, he's published a book of verse called "As Short As Two Thick Planks", sadly now out of print, but any copy you may come across on the internet could be worth at least 30p! Tim (guitars, bass, drums, vocals) has a background in engineering where he's always doing silly things like running a power drill into his left hand. However, he now plays some really weird chords because of it, which adds to STAN's unique sound. Tim is adventurous and has done a freefall parachute drop, and once abseiled out of a third floor bedroom window on a rope made of sheets, but that's a COMPLETELY different story!

STAN have proved to be very popular on several web sites. For example, on www.vitaminic.co.uk they've occupied the number 1 and 2 slots in the 60's style music chart for several months!

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