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this is DerpyCon Online.

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[Candice:] We're baaaaack!

The panel where two music nerds tell you about music they think you should hear, or take another listen to.

By the end of it, you'll be even more aware of all of the amazing music that is out there.

Scott Vogel [Jr] presents, the return of You are Now Aware.

[Scot:] Hello DerpyCon 2020. Glad to be back.

Sorry we took last year off--things happened--but we're back.

So what's the goal of this panel--You're Now Aware--my goal with this panel is to introduce or help you rediscover some amazing music out there.

Now you're wondering, who the hell is this guy, just telling me about music.

Well as a music lover, I want to help other people as mentioned in the opening statement of this, discover music.

Now, I've always had a passion for it. I played in bands; I've recorded music and as a union stagehand my specialty is doing live sound.

So I've heard a full range of music--the amazing stuff, the okay stuff, and not-so-good stuff--and could now share some of it with you.

So let's get to the music.

Kicking this off, you are now aware of King Gizzard and The Lizard Wizard, an Australian band that in 7 years has released more music than most bands have in their entire discography.

In fact in 2017, they released 5 albums, count them, 5 albums in one year of full, original music--not live recordings of a concert or whatever--all fresh music.

Every single album they've done is different from the last, so while there's no consistent sound, there is always something new and fresh to hear.

So, we're going to start with the song, 'Cellophane' off of the album, I'm in your Mind fuzz.

[music playing]

[Scott:] I like the little part here [wah, wah] is vocal and guitar, and Stu the lead vocalist just doing weird things with his mouth.

[music playing]

You are now aware of another band from Down Under--The Chats-- a three-piece punk band that just wants to be left alone during smoke-o, which, as it's kind of implied, smoke-o is your smoke break.

Bow there's other little tidbits so you actually have some context of what's going on. First of all, he mentions settling; that is Australia's version of unemployment.

The second, or third thing is he mentions the temperature it is in Celsius so it's really, really hot out.

[music playing]

You are now aware of a rap kind of super group called Death Grips, who seem to keep rap aggressive.

Now if you might be aware of this group, there is plenty of weird, silly memes that go along with it.

But trust me, there's still lots of great quality music to go along with it.

[music playing]

You are now aware that the lead singer/guitar player of this next act is the host of Audioasis, which is part of the radio station KEXP, which also brings a lot of live awesome concerts onto YouTube.

This band--The Black Tones--brings a breath of fresh air to the three-piece Rock genre.

And yes, this next music video is kind of a bit bizarre, and if for some reason the image of marijuana triggers you, I'd advise you skip about 3 minutes or so.

But it's nothing really obtrusive; it's just there--it's silly so here it goes.

[music playing]

You are now aware that your subs or speaker system do have limits, and they will be pushed with this next song by singer-songwriter James Blake.

[music playing]

You are now aware that instrumental music doesn't always have to be boringly complex; it can just make you want to dance.

[music playing]

You are now aware of what I like to call a world music rock-and-roll group called Go Go Bordello.

If you look at the make up of the band, they're from all over the place, which I think is the best way to make a band.

But it's primarily--as the band likes to call themselves Gypsy punk rock, which is pretty accurate for what they are.

So, this next song--Start Wearing Purple--as the title implies not only should you wear that silly outfit from time to time, but sometimes you should just live life to the absolute fullest when you can.

[music playing]

Coming up is one of my next favorite parts. I've heard this guy do this part live and he still knocks it out of the park at his age. I hope to be like that when I get to be his age.

[music playing]

You are now aware that Rina Sawayama, in her own words, worked two to three jobs at

a time for a year to get the money to record the album this song comes from.

While this album was recorded in 2017, it sounds like something out of the 90s R&B jam era which, is kind of refreshing in a weird way.

[music playing]

Also for those paying attention, even though this is a music video, she is using proper mic technique--please pay attention to that, learn it; it's important.

[music playing]

You are now aware of a song by an electro-pop group called KERO KERO Bonito, which this next song is about something we all need and should take--a break.

[music playing]

I like that they kind of mix Japanese and English but both are done with a lot of competency not just kind of thrown in there randomly.

[music playing]

If you're a fan of noise rock or shoegaze then you have this next band to thank-Les Rallizes Denudes-for being Pioneers out the noise Rock genre.

When they came out, no one was really doing it; yeah you had the Velvet Underground, but they are only around for a little bit.

But one would almost not expect it came out Japan--a lot of noise. Yet it kind of fits.

You are now aware that one time, I forgot the name of this band. But, I had to look them back up through an interesting fact about them.

I remembered that the bass player, when the band first started, hijacked an airplane. Now hold off--he was kicked out of the band by the leader way before the hijacking, so it wasn't like they suddenly went oh no, we need a bass player no this was way before it.

And so the bass player you see in the upcoming clip is not the same one, but just an interesting fact.

It's also an edit of a live concert. There's technically not any official studio recordings of them, because the lead singer, guitar player, and leader of the group was never satisfied with the sound of any studio recordings they did.

So everything you will find of them, even if it's an album, it's either a bootleg or a live

recording.

Years later, someone was able to find that one studio recording they did. But even then you could hear why he wasn't satisfied.

But enough of me yapping--take a listen.

[music playing]

You are now aware of a band that will switch genres within a song.

Even though they are primarily a heavy metal band, Maximum the Hormone will switch genres so suddenly within a song that you'll feel like you need a neck brace, and they do it really cleverly and really smoothly.

The next song in question is Small Chemo Notte, and here it is.

[music playing]

You can really tell they're trying to go for the J-Pop look, even though they're nowhere a J-Pop band. But it's kind of funny to watch them go about it.

[music playing]

Get ready--metal's on its way.

[music playing]

I figured I needed to do something relevant to the comic book movies. There's a lot of Awesome music in those; I could probably do all in entire You're Now Aware panel on just the great music that's been in all of comic book movies in the past 10, 15 years.

But this one I feel needs a little bit more highlight, because both the band itself within the movement that the band came from, they weren't really all that well known.

You are now aware of also a movement called Britpop.

Two of the most famous bands from that movement are Blur, which they're famous song is Song Number Two, aka the song where they go 'Ooo hoo'.

And the other group is Oasis, which if you've listened to the radio on the past 10, 20 years, you've heard Wonderwall.

Both groups have a lot of music beyond that. But this is not the band. Because while both bands, Blur and Oasis were amazing, everyone kind of knows who they are.

So this next group is called Elastica. And their song is called Connection. If you've been

watching all of the Marvel comic book movies, you've heard the song.

It's primarily in Captain America. No, it's not Captain America; I'm wrong it is in Captain Marvel. And particularly to give you remembrance into the scene is when she gets on the motorcycle and starts driving off-- that's the one.

[musi playing]

Thank you so much for going through this little journey with me of music.

Now I just want to say this--music's amazing live, music's mazing.

We're in a challenging time with COVID. But one thing that needs to be said is me and several other people in my profession, we are out of work.

Both recording, live, every version of live entertainment has had to stop. We were the first to stop, and we're going to be the last to come back.

There's really no way--yes there's live-streaming--the amount that our industry was before COVID happened we can do that off of just live streaming.

So, it's in the House and Congress; there are acts that can help my industry survive. That way, when we are able to see each other in person again, professionals like myself and many others can return to what we're doing.

So call up your Senator; call your Congressman; call up whatever politician, whether beyond the local level or the federal level.

Call them up; some have already said yes to this, but keep calling them. The more you can call and contact them, tell them to save events.

Thank you.

[Candice:] And that was Scott Vogel [Jr] with The Return of You Are Now Aware.

Well, I hope that helped you find some new tunes, new artists, to update your playlist for when you're showering, going to work, or just trying to ignore everyone else around you.

Well I hope you enjoyed that one, and more will be coming your way. DerpyCon Online 2020--stick around, more fun will be had.

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