



What's it like having Shadow Windhawk as your guitarist? He's quite a character. Does his schedule with The Horticons ever clash with yours or cause any issues?

No there are no conflicts, I've set up this band in a way that there are no definite members outside of myself. I'm the only guy guaranteed to see each time you come to a Raving Midnight show. When I was 19 it was easy as hell to go on tour with your best mates because everyone was 19 and living in their parents basement. Hahaha. These days it's not so easy being organised and planning which is why the setup of The Raving Midnight is so ideal. There was a handful of people who I can call for a tour so I don't have to worry about availability. That's why I gave the band my name, I struggled with this at first because I didn't want to come on or off as sort of glorifying it, but the fact is, folks get used to seeing certain members on stage with you. When these persons aren't around anymore or when you go through member changes people start to consider you on shag ground. I wanted to eliminate that perception by making it understood from the get go that this is how it's supposed to be. I don't expect all of my friends to leave their families and jobs at the drop of a hat to tour which is why it's me and whoever else of my friends can make it. The Raving Midnight itself is the band I tour with. All recording is still done by me and released as just Argyle Goosby. It's been a pretty good and practical formula.

As a fellow Horror fan, what's your favourite movie of all time and are there any new ones that have caught your attention recently?

Nosferatu will always be the jewel to my horror crown. The whole ensemble of expressionistic (particularly German) Horror as a whole is a favourite of mine. I'm not really a blood and guts for the sake of gore type of Horror fan. I do like those movies, don't get me wrong, but I'm into more sombre Horror and Horror that has a weird inhumanity to it. An enigmatic love. A tragic figure that isn't quite good or quite stuffy that. Those old movies made you FEEL the Horror and that's what I'd rather recommend. On SHOCKING you'll notice I'm not a kid at all. That's most. The Babadook was a greater Horror movie than I really utilized that method. I really liked that one a lot.

From Misfits to Skater music, what would you say have been the biggest influences in your career?

This question is never easy, but I suppose important questions never are. Haha I always tell myself I can answer this question without opening a Pandora's Box of ram on paragraphs, but it never happens. To sum it up, my first musical memories was listening to old Doobie Brothers and 1960's Rock 'n' Roll records on the turntable and on the radio. La Bamba used to fire me up! I used to jump up and down on my

bed phonetically shouting out made up Spanish lyrics, and giving the air guitar hell. Same with Buddy Holly. I was like a deer in headlights when I would hear his old records. I was a hyperactive snake charmed out of a basket which is why those records were probably always on. Although he was by no means a Comic artist, there was something so serious about his music. There was something so delicately haunted in his delivery that must've connected to the unkind nature of my young age. It was strong enough to overcome my long encouraging fascination with such metal elements to this day. So in the end I tend to "Listen to Me" by Buddy Holly. Duh.

As a teenager I also loved THE DOORS, and was blown away. This is a band that unjustly gets forced the summer of love reputation upon it, when nothing could be the furthest from the truth. There was no one and there was no band darker and more mysterious than The Doors during their heyday. I dare say, even nowadays. My discovery of Punk rock overlapped with my discovery of The Doors and really sealed my fate. The first Punk band I ever heard was Minor Threat. My cousin gave me a dubbed cassette of their discography at a family reunion, and the rest of my summer was spent at the local record store thumbing through a giant phone book sized catalogue of albums that I would order from regularly. I found

out about a lot of bands that I love to this day just by simply taking a chance on them. Operation Ivy, ENERGY? That sounds great in order that. Agent Orange, Living in darkness? That sounds scary! I take it. And so on and so forth. I'm so thankful their was no internet involved in this. It was a rite of passage finding these bands, like going out in the woods on a vision quest haha. What I found I became. I wasn't led to any of it.

If the UK tour is a success, when can we expect to see you back again? Do you envisage playing at a small UK festival such as Download or Download? You'd be PERFECT for The Travelling Homicide and I hear the Alt Collection is always recruiting bands...

Absolutely. It's always a pleasure to tour and visit The UK. It's my goal to keep this going in regular tour rotation. So do me a favour come out and see us! I'm not being a cocky/cliff bastard when I say this, but you won't be disappointed!

In essence, what is Horror Punk to you? What does it mean and what does it stand for, for you personally?

I can only objectively answer the second part of that. I'm not sure myself what Horror Punk is. I don't think I ever have. I just know that what I have felt, and what I have carried with me my whole life and what eventually translated and morphed its way into words and music has found a resonance in a community (among others) that calls itself Horror Punk. I wave that flag proudly, but it was a flag given to me more so than a flag I specifically designed to stand under. There are so many elements in my music. You don't have to be a Horror Punk fan, or a punk fan for that matter to enjoy it. We've played with everyone from Christian Death to Slayer (this summer). It's all in our live show. So again... come see us.

Talk us through exactly what "A Corpse With No Name Promotions" is for those who don't know.

A Corpse With No Name is the organization that I do all of my work through. Within music it is the umbrella that I release all of my music and merchandise under. Outside of music it's the moniker that I perform a host of other services through. Everything from album layout design, album production; tattooing and even weddings. You can visit the page here: www.acorpsewithnomname.com

In the past you've worked with j-Skin, Trivik and Dr. Chud and you've been a part of Gorgon's Frankenstein with Doyle Wolfgang von Frankenstein. Even recently you've been documented performing with Michale Graves. How does it feel to have performed with these icons and to be considered in the same calibre as this Horror Punk royalty?

It's definitely been great working with many of the artists of whom I looked up to as a teenager. It's also been a truly surreal experience too. I've never once looked at any of it for granted. If anything it just goes to reinforce my belief that hard work, conviction and dedication to what you love to do can earn its rewards. I've basically been in a band with Santa Claus, The Easter Bunny, The Great Pumpkin and The Fantastic Four. A kid turned sour's dream come true!

What's been your favourite artist to collaborate with and is there anyone that you'd like to work with that you haven't yet?

All of my friends and bandmates in The Raving Midnight have been great to work with. It means a lot to me getting to work with so many talented musicians that I also get to call friends. I had members of The Cryptkhares, Iva, The Crimson Ghosts of Germany, Blitzkid, The Big Bad, Stellar Corpses and Him. Mind all back me up at some point. I'd really love to collaborate on something with both Cinder Block from Tit, and Michale Graves at some point.

What advice do you have for any young up-and-coming Horror Punk bands trying to break through? Play, Play, Play, PLAY. Anywhere. Anything. With anybody. You're not above this. You're not exempt. It's your one job in rock and roll, take pride in it. The Internet has unfortunately given newer bands a false sense of permanence and visibility, while I'm very happy at how social media has allowed me to connect with so many fans around the world, I understand this is only part one of a two part process. Go play for real people. Nothing connects you infinitely to another person like grabbing them by the face and screaming your soul into theirs. You're a tattooist, is that true?

You've got a lot of tattoos, which one has your favourite story behind it and why?

This is true! In 2000 I started and apprenticeship at a shop, and by the end I had said apprenticeship much much later I was given an ultimatum of sorts. I could continue my apprenticeship and could be in a full time shop, or I could leave and start my own shop. I could be in my Punk Rock band. It was a hard decision to make, and I fully understood their reasoning in making me choose, but I chose music. Blitzkid had just finished recording what would become the album "Last Flowers" and I was fully behind my commitment to it. Blitzkid. I didn't want to be that guy that was gone for months out of the year leaving an empty chair that

could be making the shop money, only to come back and be resented by all the dudes who put their time in daily. Towards the end of Blitzkid, I ran into an old friend of mine who had recently opened a shop and who suggested my musical commitments. He offered me a job and ten years after my apprenticeship I was tattooing! As far as my favourite tattoo, I would have to say my back piece. It's an adaptation of and michale woolfoot that depicts a Giant Octopus wearing a shop. Framing the octopus are tentacles that bear the words "All Action, All Pain, All Bloodshed" which are the lyrics to a song from Cryptkhares. I saw it, I saw the image in a book at my library, as a kid and it was stuck with me. It was my Red Dragon moment. A moment that only took 48 hours to experiential Hatcha.

You're also an ordained minister? How did this come about?

Just one of those things that happened I guess. You'd be surprised to know how many people have asked me to marry them throughout my career. After so long I finally decided to research the process and went for it. So I did what I needed to do, and now I can make you happily ever after.

You also get involved in producing albums and designing the artwork. Is there anyone that comes to mind who you'd like to produce an album or artwork for?

I love designing artwork. I took 4 years of art in college and actually have a bachelors degree in fine arts that I never used so I love the opportunities! Art is something close to me. I had never picked up an instrument in my life prior to starting Blitzkid, and never imagined I would be a musician much less a career one. You're talking to the former President of His High School Art Club. I was once that cool. I came close to producing my friends in the Big Bad's last album, but scheduling conflicts prevented that. I'd like to do their next one for sure.

What can we expect over the next 12 months from Argyle Goosby & The Raving Midnight?

New album, tour and a shit ton of new songs getting stuck in your head!

A last message for our readers?

Thanks for reading my angsty long ramble, and come see us when we visit the UK. If you don't we will find you and... make you feel really REALLLY guilty about it. Don't underestimate me!

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