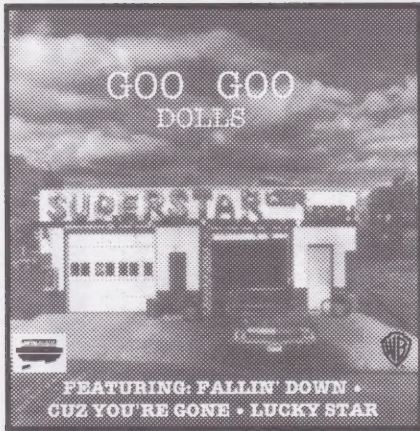


A CONVERSATION WITH JOHNNY



We recently caught up with JOHNNY GOO of THE GOO GOO DOLLS at his home in Buffalo, New York where they are beginning to work on their fifth album as a follow-up to "Superstar Carwash", their most recent release. Their latest effort received tremendous attention and generated massive airplay on most of the country's largest radio stations.

DS: Where is the band originally from?

J. Goo: We are from Buffalo, New York. We have been together for about seven and a half years.

DS: Is there a Buffalo scene?

J. Goo: No, not really, but it is a nice place to live. There are still neighborhoods and families and it's cheap as hell.

DS: Have you been touring?

J. Goo: Yeah, we toured with SOUL ASYLUM and then we did a club tour with THE MUFFS.

DS: What is your favorite city to play in? Do you have a favorite club?

J. Goo: That's tough...I would have to say Chicago. There are about a dozen cities that we do really good in usually the bigger cities in the country. But basically, my favorite place to play is where the groove is flowin' and everybody is having a good time. As far as scenery, I like the Pacific Northwest and the Southeast.

DS: Do you enjoy touring?

J. Goo: I like to play shows. I like to be an entertainer. A lot of bands aren't into entertaining people, but we are. It's cool when the crowd is going completely nuts and are totally getting off on each and we fade into the background.

DS: Like the Grateful Dead? They are the party music to this great party going on?

J. Goo: I almost went to a Grateful Dead concert once. I walked right up to the doors of the auditorium and said "What the hell am I doing here? I ain't going in no Grateful Dead concert." Maybe I'll experience that some other day. Something scares me about 20,000 people smiling and being that nice.

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DS: Maybe it's the quality or quantity of the pot.

J. Goo: Yeah... I think they should legalize marijuana in this country. I don't smoke it myself but it is stupid to make it a crime. I have never seen anyone get violent from smoking too much pot but believe me, I have seen plenty of people get violent from drinking alcohol. Although pot should be legalized, I do think that the government should mobilize the army to fight the illegal importation of other drugs.

DS: The government claims they are trying to stop the drug wars, yet the drugs still get into the country.

J. Goo: That's right, how can this country completely take over another in a matter of weeks, like the situation in the Persian Gulf,

and yet they still can't control the drug situation. It's just not a priority. Most of the pot is grown in America. When was the last time you smoked Acapulco Gold. Legal pot could be grown domestically by out-of-work farmers and sold by the government for \$20 a pack. Where \$19 of those dollars are taxes that could go to reduce the national debt.

DS: Sounds like a great idea, I know Cypress Hill would agree. Changing the subject... when did you sign to Metal Blade?

J. Goo: In 1987, we were signed to Metal Blade, why they signed us we still don't know.

DS: Had they done any other non-metal bands at that time?

J. Goo: They were trying to open up to different kinds of aggressive music. They are still involved in some areas of production, but it's mostly Warner Brothers now. We are trying to avoid being chewed up by the big machine.

I would like to say that the first single that was released off our last album was not what we wanted. "We are the Normal" isn't really a signature song of the band. The label picked it out for us. That's what I mean by the big machine. We don't know how to drive it yet and it ran us over.

DS: Is there an address where people can write to you?

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