

ARTIST:

CONRAD

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THE BAND STORY

Conrad is a new studio project by singer-songwriter Matthew Shaw and producer Nick Andre. The band began as an experiment to make music fun again for the jaded music veterans. After years of touring and contributing to other peoples projects, the two went back to their home studio to create a record all their own. They started by throwing all rules and pervious experience out the window and combining Nick Andre's hip-hop influenced electro-indie-rock production with the oddly poetic, druggy, and hook-laden vocals of Matthew Shaw. The two childhood friends spent their teenage years in sunny Bakersfield, CA going to punk shows, drinking beer in dirt fields, skateboarding, and listening to everything from The Ramones to Mobb Deep. These songs are inspired from those care free, convoluted and rebellious times. Some of the lyrics even draw from crazy and unbelievable actual events from those years. The result is a sound reminiscent of The Flaming Lips, Ariel Pink, Lou Reed, and The Clash, yet inarguably original.

THE ALBUM

The first two songs by Conrad are a departure from anything Matthew Shaw and Nick Andre have done in the past. The very fabric of the band is to experiment with songs and sound, and not be bound by genre or commercial goals. It is simply a creative outlet for these two dudes from San Francisco. Instead of writing a song and recording it, the group takes a record digger approach to the writing and recording process. Finding inspiration from random songs, anything from Dire Straights to Minor Threat, to create their original sounds. One of the first two songs released by Conrad is a cover of the Clash's 'Straight To Hell.' The band's love for this odd track inspired them to cover this tune, and it opened them up to a weird sonic world they never would have otherwise found. The first original song released by Conrad is Punk Band, a nostalgic look back at their teenage years in Bakersfield, CA. The duo grew up together going to punk shows in the 90s, and this song reflects those turbulent, violent but carefree times. Punk Band is only the beginning of the band's experimenting with their new sonic landscape.

PAST PROJECTS

Her Space Holiday, City Light, How To Dress Well, Dirty Ghosts, Nick Andre & E Da Boss, Matthew Shaw (solo records)

ROCKS IF YOU LIKE

The Flaming Lips, Ariel Pink, Lou Reed, and The Clash



TRACK LISTINGS

1. Punk Band
2. Straight to Hell

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