

Anti*Hereo



We here at Empire had the pleasure of conducting an interview with Chris of Anti Hereo. For those of you who don't know, Anti*Hereo is a power trio from the Burmuda Triangle of New Castle, Pennsylvania. Its members include: Chris Petrus - guitar/vocal, Cory Krueger - bass/backup vocals, Robert Flamino - drums. Heavily influenced by: anti-motivation, Nirvana, Coney Island MP, System of a Down, dirt, scandal, betrayl, Rush, chemistry sets, Dry Kill Logic, Black Flag, revolution, Snot, Marilyn Manson, the list goes on and on. They have been together almost 6 years. *Are you ready for change?*

Like any band worth metioning, Anti*Hereo is from a "shit town" . With no scene, no where to play and only a few people that care. Can you tell us about your thoughts on a bands struggle in a town like NC?

Well, like you said above, New Castle is a depressed, unenergized town full of small minded people with little or no interest in rock music or cultural events/activities. With us, a big struggle was fitting into what little scene there was. We were never quite metal and never quite punk.

Who or what has been the greatest influence on you personally and your band?



While Jimi Hendrix was my original inspiration for picking up the guitar, Kurt Cobain and Nirvana influenced everything else. Songwriting, singing, expression of emotion, and views and opinions are just a few of the big key points.

Can you give us some background on Anti*Hereo? Such as members and releases, who does the writing.

The three of us met between the 4-5 grade and started playing together in the 7th grade. Our first demo was recorded during 9th grade, and we recorded and produced 3 full-length

CDs between the 10th and 13th grade. Our latest is called *Only They Know the Difference*. Info and samples can be aquired on our website www.antihereo.com. I do the majority of the music/lyric writing, but everyone contributes whether they realize it or not.

If I had never heard Anti*Hereo before, how would you describe your sound to me.

Anti*Hereo gives the stimulation of punk injected with a tablespoon of grunge and 26.5 oz. of I don't know what to do with myself metal.

I hear you have a video planned. Can you give us some details about that?



We feel that video is an area that is relatively unexplored by the majority of local bands. We plan on creating a video for our song "Happiness in Hollow Points." It will consist of clips of naked mud-wrestling midgets at Chuck E Cheese with off-roading scenes as well as animal reproduction footage captured personally.

What is it like at one of you live shows?

Because we don't play a large amount of shows, we always make each show unique. We have never had a set list, everything flows perfectly. We also love to throw in some sneaky covers amidst our own new and old material. Animals are sacrificed, revolutions are created. Everyone has a good time.

If you could play with ANY band, who would it be and why?

The majority of our greatest musicians have faded away, so currently I would choose to tour with System of a Down. They are the next best thing to hit the US since the Beatles.



Any new material in the works, new CDs or releases coming up?

Currently, we have six new songs which will be included on a new release. This will occur when funds and more songs are generated.

Why Hereo rather than Hero?

Throughout the years, we have encountered a variety of anti hero(oe) groups. They range from skateboards to Spanish songs to other bands. It's as original as we can be without changing our message.

Have you payed attention to the goings on in Iraq?

hmmmm.....no

The Osbornes?

At first it was an interesting concept, but but then the amount of money and publicity makes me want to defecate and vomit all over myself in 10 second increments.

Anything you would like to add? Thanks, shout outs, web addresses, shows?

Everyone needs to check out the web site (www.antihero.com) for full details. The revolution will be complete soon enough. We will defeat our oppressors.

Well there you have it. Big thanks to all the guys in Anti* Hero. Now go check out their website. Grab the free song they have posted, and let the change begin!

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