
Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/05/07 13:22

A few answers to your burning questions are answered in this new article with a few short video clips.

The Smashing Pumpkins, fresh off being inducted into Hollywood's Rockwalk, show no signs of slowing down in 2008. After the much talked about reunion of Billy Corgan and Jimmy Chamberlain, who brought out new members Jeff Schroeder, Lisa Harriton and Ginger Reyes for a Smashing Pumpkins tour in 2007, the band are currently working on a documentary of their small club reunion tour. The small club reunion tour, which featured multiple night runs in Ashville, North Carolina and at the legendary Fillmore in San Francisco, California, showcased The Smashing Pumpkins new lineup performing songs from their extensive catalog, songs from the band's latest album 'Zeitgeist' and a certain amount of improvisation in each set list.

We caught up with Billy Corgan and Jimmy Chamberlain to get their thoughts on staying very busy in 2008.

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Billy Corgan also talked about the documentary capturing the bands surprise at some of the crowd reactions to the bands small club tour.

"It was interesting because we didn't do what you would've expected us to do coming back after seven years. We decided to play these small shows and also write new songs while we were doing it and play lots of different songs from our catalog and we were met head on by the new American audience that just basically wants greatest hits. So it was a very interesting dynamic. It kind of surprised us and the documentary we're making actually sort of charts the progress of our sort of optimism to the shows going in to sort of being surprised and shocked by some of the reactions we were getting and then the songs that came out of that process. It's not a bad thing because the world is changing and I think we were sort of blindsided a little bit by the world that we're living in now. Which I think now we're totally acclimated to. It doesn't shock us at all but at the time was sort of surprising."

The Smashing Pumpkins will mark their 20th anniversary this September with a special series of shows in New York, Los Angeles and their native Chicago. Billy Corgan and Jimmy Chamberlain say they want to make each show special and they plan to have special guests at each show. The Smashing Pumpkins are also currently suing Virgin Records over the labels use of the band's music in a recent Pepsi ad. The lawsuit demands that Virgin pay the band the profits that were earned in the campaign, and asks for an injunction against using the Pumpkins' name or music in the future.

Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by Shame - 2008/05/07 14:50

Im excited that they're trying to simultaneously progress the new pumpkins and keep the old pumpkins alive with these projects. Just the way I like it!

Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/07 16:12

Finally!!! A actual timeline for the year!!! i've been wanting to know this for a while! When do you think the dvd will come out? summer? And a new single this fall? I'm so happy that they're doing another single. And a cd to boot early next year! (not to mention early demos around christmas!!!)

Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by HeavyMetalMachine - 2008/05/07 17:43

I'm so excited for the new music

Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by ApathysEcstasy - 2008/05/07 17:56

this just kicks major ass!
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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by cundinamarca89 - 2008/05/07 20:08

absolutely wonderful

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/07 21:26

shits pants

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by epitome - 2008/05/08 09:35

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There's nothing about that that I didn't like.

Something smells a bit poopy in here now though... *looks at Geek*

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/08 18:24

wow, we are mature... haha :billy

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/05/08 20:15

Hey, it's all just shits and giggles...literally!

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/09 00:26

PistolPete wrote:
...literally!

Um... no...

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by DON - 2008/05/09 03:04

We will see a new single this winter and a new album in early 09...so what about this songs-blocks-crap???
I hope they decided to put that out as the album...

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by Skit - 2008/05/09 05:53

Im most excited about the early demos, providing the arnt anything already available on RSPAA etc

A new single should be good aswell :billy

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/09 07:39

i'm sure the single will be awesome, but i'm also wondering about the demos, i'm wondering from what era if early demos means likes pre-gish or what...

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by smac17 - 2008/05/09 11:59

Billy managed to say "sort of" 6 times in those short paragraphs.

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Re:Pumpkins Staying Very Busy In 2008

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/09 17:38

I wouldn't actually mind this "blocks of songs" thing to happen, I think that would be really cool. I was kind of apprehensive at first about it, but hey, everyone was. I'd be a little disappointed if they didn't even release even one or two "blocks"
