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## the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/05 18:43

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anybody picked it up?

thoughts?

confused?

I'M THE MEANEST  
IN THE PLACE

STEP UP AND I'LL MESS WIT YO FACE

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by LaDollyVita - 2008/06/05 21:20

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It's definitely different. I didn't have a very good first impression, but I'm sure it will grow on me.

btw what's up with the mustache?

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/05 23:50

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After looking up this and that, I just found out what your username means, RC.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by DON - 2008/06/06 04:47

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???? What's this thread about????:confused :confused :confused

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/06 05:02

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Weezer.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/06 07:40

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by HeavyMetalMachine - 2008/06/06 08:41

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i kinda found it boring.  
some songs were good though

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/06 11:38

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doomsdayclock wrote:

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that's too bad man, you're missing out

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/06 18:01

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Agree to disagree.

Maybe albums that have primarily bright red covers have a tendency to be a bit disappointing.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/06 18:06

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<http://landslide.2007.org/zeitgeist.jpg>

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by yteah - 2008/06/06 18:11

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doomsdayclock wrote:

i never understood the infatuation with weezer, i could never like them. (Only song i'll agree to listen to is island in the sun)

weezer is decent, i never understood how people can have them as a fav band though, i only have the blue album and that keeps me good, plus their singles are always cool "workin out at the gym to fit my underwear" lol

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/07 07:50

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yeah so, opinions are great and all...

but could we try talking more about the album and less about not liking weezer?

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/06/07 11:04

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For all those non-believers out there, I'll gladly tell ya why Weezer can be someone's favorite band (they were for me when Zwan was gone and SP had yet to return):

Were you ever the kid who got picked on? The one who'd rather play video games than go to parties? Did you ever know what it was like to be a nerd ... and finally learn to be OK with that? Weezer helped me accept and embrace my geekiness, and you know what? We're in good company! The band's lyrics are so smart, relatable. The riffs are ace. Rivers is a paragon of rock star nerdiness, and those songs are perfect for singalongs.

And Brian Bell is hot. :) And I'll actually be interviewing him on Wednesday! SO STOKED!

That said ... I am really confused by the Red Album. "Pork and Beans" as the lead single was almost deceiving in its awesomeness, cos the rest of the album cannot compare. Now, I am not one to clamor for sameness. I don't mind that it doesn't sound like Blue or "Pinkerton." I do mind that the song structures are all wonky. I mind that whereas letting things be more democratic on this album is a good thing, the reality is that Brian, Pat and Scott don't have strong vocals, and their tunes just feel weak and disjointed. There are a few good songs ("Variations on a Shaker Hymn," "Dreamin'") but yeah, this one's going to have to grow on me.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by superchrist - 2008/06/07 12:49

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I just got it last night and tried listening to it on the way home, but it was like 2 in the morning, so I couldn't really concentrate on it. I will say that I really really like "Pork and Beans" (It's why I bought the album...), but I couldn't really get into a lot of the other songs, BUT I think this is just because it was so early in the morning. I'll have to listen to it again...

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/07 17:49

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Rivers: exactly ;)

I don't NOT like Weezer, I just didn't like the new song when I first heard it.

I heard it again when it was on TV, and I liked it more the second time. The first time, I was kind of thinking "Ugh, I can't be bothered listening to this if I'm gonna be shown lame YouTube jokes..." but the second time I was just kinda a bit more excited to see it on TV.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Alienbob - 2008/06/07 23:38

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i'm not crazy about it, but i still sing at the top of my lungs in the car while blasting the album out of both windows.

"marryin' a beotch, havin seven keyods" :D

edit: I'm totally jealous Trillian. Brian is the master of sass

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/08 09:54

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Ask him about Rivers' baby!

but yes, super jealous as well

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by corganvision - 2008/06/10 19:30

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i heard the red album on youtube its good i love the pork and beans video it makes me crack up each time i watch it so funny the dramatic prarie dog rules and miss south carolina is smoking hottttt also retarded k-fed looks like a dirt bag as always just a fuckin funny video and good song too.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/06/11 13:24

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So I did the interview two hours ago AND I'M STILL SHAKING. I feel like a lame-o though cos I couldn't think of any witty questions that I'm sure the band's already been asked a bajillion times.

Nevertheless, I think that just about wins for highlight of my year so far! :)

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by bulletwoutbutterflywings - 2008/06/11 13:45

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sounds neat, is it an artical, or artical and q and a? i would like to read it.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by PumpkinPieces - 2008/06/11 19:50

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I don't like all of their albums but I find Weezer to be quite hilarious. I really liked their first album and, another which I forgot what its called, but I'm a sucker for 90's fuzz guitar.

Oh and The Sweater Song always puts me in a good mood.

As far as the new single, great video, and the song was pretty cool just not as memorable as others.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/11 20:51

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WHAT DID YOU ASK HIM?!@

where/how do you conduct an interview like that?

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/06/12 14:17

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It's going to be an epic article, hehe.

As for what I asked him, I unfortunately got nervous and stuck to a lot of the mumbo jumbo they've been asked incessantly about this particular record: How was it decided to have everyone sing lead vocals, what's up with the Hootenanny, why have Rubin and Jacknife Lee produce, what was it like filming the Pork and Beans vid.

BUT at least I won points with Brian because I told him I liked his lead vocals on the old demo Yellow Camero. :) And I asked him whether he and the other guys are involved with Rivers' "Let's Write a Sawng" thing on YouTube, and I could tell he was pissed off about the project, probably thinking, "Why does he need the public's help writing a song when he's got his bandmates right here?"

And, oh, the interview was done over the phone on my lunch break, haha.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/06/13 12:40

When does the article come out somewhere?

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by HeavenlyAlchemy - 2008/06/14 14:26

looking forward to seeing the article!

Freaking love the sweater song..funny as anything. Well OK not anything but still funny.

I just heard that Weezer is giving a free concert this coming Tuesday in Phoenix. Thought this might be the place to post the news for anyone that is going to be in the Phoenix area, and has an interest in seeing Weezer. The catch is that you have to win tickets, the way to do that is by listening to 103.9 and when ever a Weezer song plays you have to be the 9th caller.

And on to our regularly scheduled programing...

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/06/14 15:24

The article will be on the cover of Mean Street magazine next month. I'll link you guys to the online version once it's up.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/14 18:05

In my opinion, The Red Album is one of the worst albums I've heard in a long time (but keep in my mind I only tend to listen to albums I think I might like).

Musically it's hit and miss. There's never anything special on there, but the guitars chug along nicely at times. Lyrically though it is just amazingly bad, I could hardly believe the garbage I was hearing.

So, for me, Weezer's worst album, though I haven't bought any of their CDs since the Green Album (which is by far my favourite Weezer release).

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Teej212 - 2008/07/10 09:22

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i kinda like it, except i hate everybody get dangerous

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/07/10 14:40

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So, my interview with Brian Bell is up: [http://meanstreet.com/article.php?article\\_id=670&issue\\_id=122](http://meanstreet.com/article.php?article_id=670&issue_id=122)

Also, if you have time, I did the 10 Years story, too.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Rivers Cuomo - 2008/07/10 15:49

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Very very cool. The best thing is that I can tell from the article that you were already a huge Weez fan, and know your stuff!

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Trillian - 2008/07/11 11:41

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Thanks, Rivers! And yeah, I totally was/am/always will be a huge fan. Brian was actually shocked to hear that I had heard old demos from in between Green and Maladroit, like "Yellow Camero," hehe.

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## Re:the Red Album

Posted by Teej212 - 2008/07/11 12:40

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i think you have a crush on brian--abercrombie-attractive??

haha awesome article

so about the red album- the first half is pretty good , i really like the greatest man that ever lived and heartsongs but after miss sweeney its very mediocre, i love King though

what do you guys think of turnin turnin? the lets write a sawng song? its pretty good, but does anyone know if the whole band worked on it with Rivers or was it just rivers?

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