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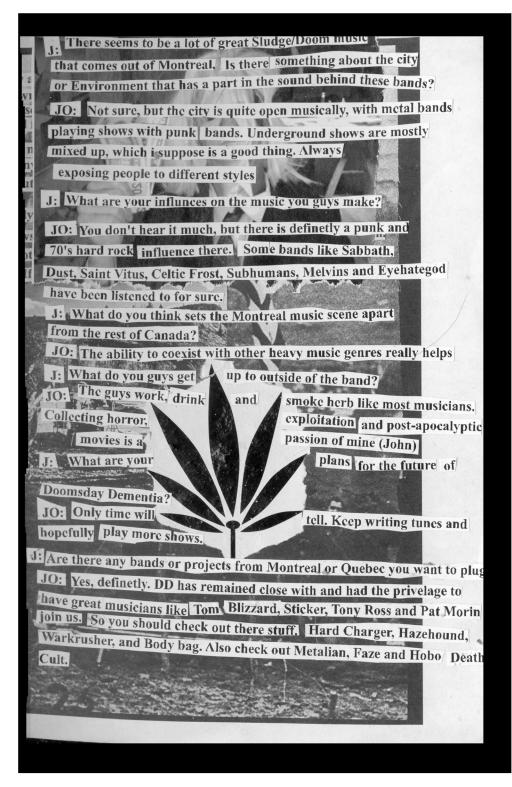
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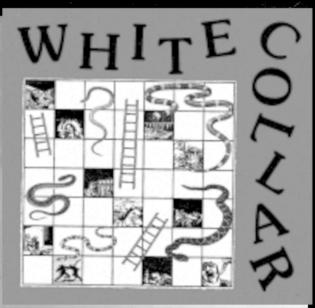
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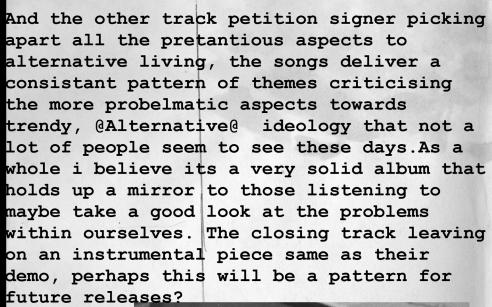


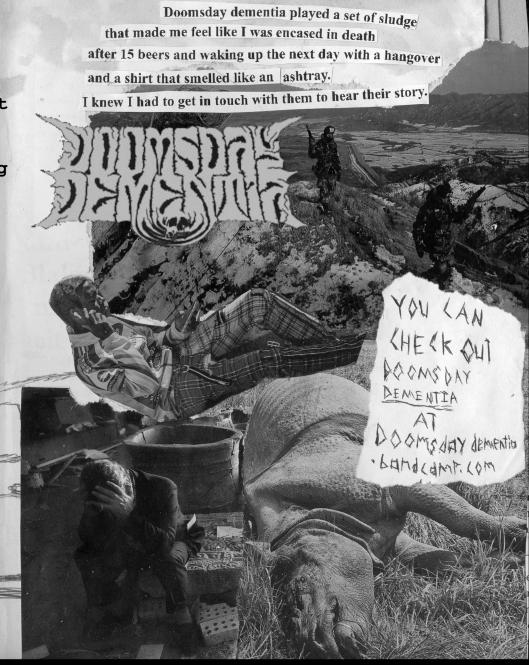


Time for another Album Review! This issue we have The Victoria Hardcore band WHITE COLLAR with their first full length album



release as a self-titled released in the summer of 2024. Right off the bat in can tell you this album has some amazing articulation to the lyrical content within it, thanks to the singer Loosey C and her snarky snarls. And backed with with some fantastic instrumentals by L. Dante, T3 and Peggy (of bands such as Bootlicker, and Headcheese). A real powerful sound all around, the 2nd track compassion fatigue seeming to be a jab towards people being overly compassionate towards people who have abusive tendency whilst they treat people poorly in return with lines such as "your just like the rest of them behind closed doors.





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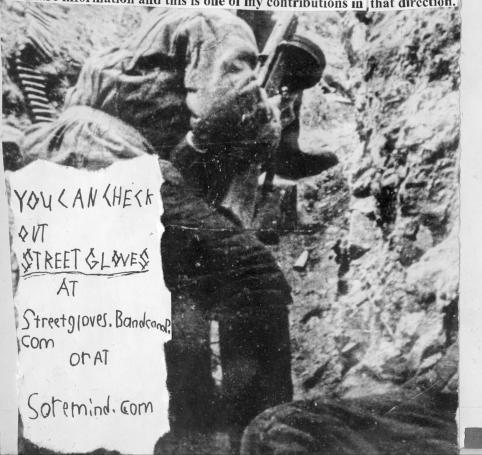
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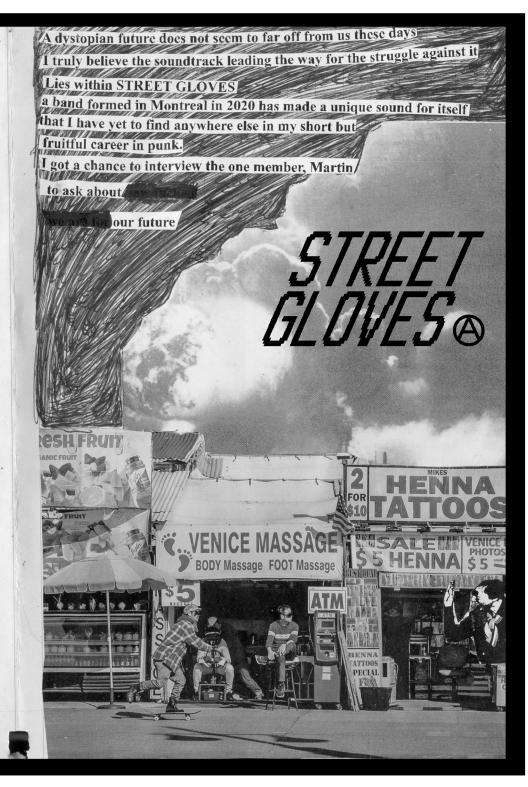
after second hand inhaling the amount of 2 packs of Canadian Classics.

M: I play in a power violence/hardcore band called Verify which also started as a DEMO FEST project. My band mate Taylor in Verify also has a new band called Recall, which is all friends and previous band mates of mine.

Anyone reading should check out Chris's label SORE MIND if they are not already aware. He has an excellently curated string of releases and puts a lot of love and work into each release.

I also run the Ask A Punk website at askapunk.net which is a community calendar for the punk/hardcore scene in Montreal. I would like see punk and hardcore culture stop prioritizing Instagram as the main online place to share information and this is one of my contributions in that direction.





J: Can you tell us who all is in Street Gloves?

M: Street Gloves is just me, Martin. I write and produce all the music.

For most of the live shows so far, I've been lucky enough to be joined by Chris from SORE MIND on bass. In the future there might be other expanded live lineups. So I consider it to be a solo project, but with support and I hope to be supported by others in the future.

J: What made you want to start this project?

M: I started Street Gloves in 2020 during the peak lock-down of the pandemic. I was spending more and more time demoing music in Ableton since my bands were not practising. Then I started organizing DEMO FEST which solicited musicians/bands to produce a new demo for a massive group release on the winter solstice of 2020 as a benefit for Solidarity Across Borders. I started working on the Street Gloves demo as my own contribution.

By 2023 I was working on re-recording those demo songs as well as adding
4 more songs. Chris asked me about putting out a future Street Gloves recording on SORE MIND and this encouraged me to finish. At the same time, the idea was floating for Street Gloves to play the Dirty World festival in May. That gave me a deadline to finish and release the recording. Chris's enthusiasm and support of the project made him my first choice for someone to back me up on stage.

J: I've seen you play a couple of times now and can safely say I have never heard of anything like your sound of electronic and crust, how did you develop that style?

M: There is plenty of precedent for punk with drum machine/electronic drums going quite far back, as long as drum machines have existed probably.

Drum machine in punk/hardcore/crust/wasn't something I was particularly drawn to (nor repulsed by) before and I'm not a huge appreciator of similar industrial music (just a mild appreciator).

I liked bands like CRESS and L.O.T.I.O.N but avoiding looking for influences or other projects that were doing something similar. Now that it's out there, I get many people referencing other projects it reminds them of and I'm pretty eagerly exploring that history and other bands going right now.

J: There seems to be a large scene of both Electronic dance/rave music and Punk music in Montreal, do you think we will be seeing these two genre's meshing more in the future?

M: Definitely, I think that has always been a lot of crossover here.

Groups like Rivalled Envy combined electronic dance music with hardcore front man energy, and Pelada has always had one foot in the punk scene.

I think that's always been and always will be.

J: What is the guiding philosophy behind your music and lyrics?

M: Anarchis

J: What does it mean to struggle forever?

M: I am generally convinced by the idea that anarchism is not a fixed destination. Anarchy, a better world, utopia, etc, are not things we can just arrive at some day – they will and do require constant effort and struggle to build and maintain. Arguably, the "Utopian" state of anarchy is nothing more than a state of constant struggle, always pushing for a better world and reduction of domination, exploitation and hierarchy. So "Struggle Forever".

You have your current 2020 Demo and S/T EP out on bandcamp, what can we expect from future releases from you?

M: I would like to spend a lot of time working on an LP, but that might depend on if there is interest from someone to put it out. Soon I will demo some new tracks and incorporate them into the live set and maybe release the demo version.

J: What does the future look like for Street Gloves?

M: The aforementioned new songs and new releases, and hopefully more shows out of town. We were just lucky enough to play Winnipeg but that was simply due to my friend Sarah flying us out to play.

I would love to bring Street Gloves to other cities and might try to plan a tour in the future. Some punks in Malaysia and Indonesia are working on releasing the EP locally there. I'm also interested in expanding the live lineup.

J: To cap things off are there any bands or personal projects you want to plug?