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Introduction

Welcome, and thanks for picking up this new issue of the Severed Fifth Fanzine! The Fanzine is a project made by the Street Team for the Street Team, and is a collaborative effort. The goal is to be an awesome source of news about Severed Fifth and its fans, and what we are doing around the world. Feel free to read and contribute. Joining up and getting started is as simple as coming forward and doing it! It certainly was for me. :) The last editor of the project, James "captflint" Stephenson, has done an excellent job at making the Zine and I hope to build upon the past works with the help of the community. As captflint said:

"The success of this magazine really hinges on the amount of participation that it gets from the Street Team. Wouldn't it be great to have a resource that sums up the activities of the Street Team, keeps you up to date on what is going on with the band, points out examples of Severed Fifth content in use, and provides a forum for Severed Fifth

fans to express their thoughts and opinions about the band? I think that would be a pretty cool thing indeed, and with your help we can make it happen."

Since I joined the Severed Fifth Street Team I have witnessed a lot of awesome contributions. Donations that number into the hundreds, folks willing to help with artwork, and some neat and talented new friends. The community is in an early state and the band has only done a few great shows. Though we have been moving forward and feeling optimistic. It shows that a community can really come together and that the goal of Severed Fifth is attainable. The band and their fans matter more than the business behind it.

Keep on rocking,
Virgil Brummond



What's new with the Severed Fifth Street Team?

The advent of the Severed Fifth Street Team weekly project!

The Street Team is an important part of the community, a unique group of people who believe in that goals that Severed Fifth is trying to accomplish; To change the music industry far and wide, to make awesome music, and to build a community of fans and advocates. There is no sign up necessary, feel free to jump right in and start contributing!

Front man Jono Bacon proposed the idea for an organized weekly street team project in the December 1st video cast; The idea was that the community could organize a task on a weekly basis to help spread the word about Severed Fifth. Of course, a great benefit is that this is a task that makes it easy to collaborate upon large scale. It seems to me this will be an excellent way for those that are new to jump right in. If you want to change the world a good way to start is one step at a time! As Jono put it:

“To help kick things off, we are going to start running a Severed

Fifth Street Team Weekly Project each week. These will be week-long campaigns and projects that the Street Team can work on together that will help grow awareness and exposure of Severed Fifth. The idea is that they are fun, simple, and a great way to get involved in Severed Fifth and the Street Team.”

I am quite sure suggestions are welcome. Be sure to check out the weekly video cast or the forums to be heard. Details for the weekly project will be revealed on the video cast, each Wednesday at 3pm Eastern. I highly recommend you attend, as it is a fun and enlightening experience, and a great way to be welcomed into the community. See the link below for details from the man himself:

<http://www.severedfifth.com/2010/12/02/kicking-off-the-severed-fifth-weekly-street-team-project/>

The first weeks task started out as a very simple one. It had a lot of enthusiastic support on the forums and the video cast when announced. The task is for those of you who are members of Facebook. Quite simply go to the Severed Fifth Facebook page,

(<http://www.facebook.com/severedfifth>). Like it, if you have not done so already. Then suggest the page to your friends. It would also be great encourage anyone interested to do the same. After you have done so, please drop us a message on the forums at: <http://www.severedfifth.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=117>

Thanks!

An Appeal To The Community (Not from the Wikipedia founder)

When I read that Jono was asking for volunteers to work on the Fanzine, I knew I could contribute quite a bit in my spare time. I heartily believe if we work together we can make this a truly awesome source for news and updates about the band and the community. I look forward to any contributions that anyone can make, large or small. Suggestions are welcome but feel free to jump right in!

A great place to start is to visit the street team forums and the Fanzine wiki page. No need to ask for permissions, contributions are quite welcome! Also feel free to visit the IRC at: #severedfifth on irc.freenode.net.

Severed Fifth Wiki:
http://severedfifth.wikia.com/wiki/Severed_Fifth_Street_Team_e-Zine

Street Team Forums:
<http://www.severedfifth.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=7>

IRC:
<http://www.severedfifth.com/streetteam/chat/>



Severed Fifth In The World

Awesome videos, but what do YOU want to see?

Severed Fifth has a great Youtube channel with a lot of content to reach users, though Jono wishes to ask the fans what kind of things you would like to see. Perhaps some interviews with band members, or more live performances? Some behind the scenes footage, or status updates?

Personally I like a band to be seen and heard live. The more shows they do the better, and the more fans they will gain. Please feel free to take part in the discussion on the forums here, and vote for what kind of video you would like to see!

<http://www.severedfifth.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=4&t=119>

You have a great idea for a project to spread the word?

Have you already accomplished something awesome in the community? Share the details with us on the weekly video casts or the forums! The Street Team is made

up of a community of fans, and we can accomplish great things when we are united. This Fanzine plans to feature articles and interviews here about events the Street Team is up to all around the world. Drop me or any other zine contributors a line and be featured! Anyone is welcome, and no contribution is too small. Here are a few links on ways you can get started helping out.

The Forums:
<http://www.severedfifth.com/forum/>

Live Severed Fifth Videocast:
Wednesday, 12pm Pacific / 3pm Eastern / 8pm UTC/GMT / 9pm Europe at
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/severed-fifth-live-in-the-studio>

Also visit Severed Fifth at...

Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/severedfifth>

Twitter:
<http://www.twitter.com/severedfifth>

Myspace:
<http://www.myspace.com/severedfifth>

ReverbNation:
<http://www.reverbNation.com/severedfifth>

Fair Pay

Of course the awesome music made is great free culture with a community to grow around it. Regardless, a lot of time and effort and a great deal of money are invested into keeping things going. With your support, Severed Fifth can do even better things, such as upkeep on equipment, and recording new albums. We have the unique choice to really come together as a community and keep the dream alive.

Though the band is rocking, one of the aims right now is to do this right. Severed Fifth is going to make professional sounding recordings at a studio, and they need your help to get there. The current goal is to raise \$5000 and the community is off to a great start. Feel free to support what is fair at: <http://www.severedfifth.com/pay/>

The Store

Another great way to support the band is to go to the Severed Fifth Store.

(<http://www.severedfifth.com/store/>). We can all hope to see some cool gear in the future! So far, you can pick up a nice looking T-Shirt along with some stickers. I regret to say I do not have one for myself, though from the pictures it looks great. Be sure to pick up one while supplies

last!

Also, as did Jono, I would like to point out the contributions of James Sharp. He joined the weekly show and made the record of contributing \$100. Way to go James! Be sure to thank him yourself if you see him around the forums or during one of the weekly shows. I am willing to bet he is sure to be there! In total, the community raised \$220 dollars, what an excellent contribution. Any contribution is welcome and you all have this writer's utmost thanks! . To see a recording of the show, and more information, check out the article below.

<http://www.severedfifth.com/2010/11/25/severed-fifth-tv-and-james-sharp-sets-recording-campaign-record/99>



Behind The Song: Drill Down

By Jono Bacon

When I started working on Drill Down it was originally nicknamed 'Fast One' due to the opening intro on the song. I had written the intro as one of the very first songs on the album, and wanted to get something that had the speed and ferocity of a Slayer song. As I started working through the song I came up with a series of different riffs that all sounded like they could belong in the same song, but were in a different order. As time went on I started interconnecting these different pieces and I had a broad feel for how I wanted the song to progress - start fast and "moshable", proceed into a thick and upbeat verse, have a more erratic chorus, and then end with a big fat outro.

As I progressed with the music, the band had formed and started learning the material. In there we made some subtle changes – adding harmonies, different drum parts, simplifying some of the drums in the faster parts and adding more growls near the end of the song. I also developed the vocals more along what I wanted - an Exodus style vocal attack. This took time to develop and I kept recorded my progress to see it evolve, and eventually, after lots of

practice, I feel the end result vocally is just what I wanted. Drill Down is a song we are currently bringing out at shows as our second tune to get the audience's heart rates pumping, and it seems to work. :-)

The story behind Drill Down is of a kid who spent his childhood fascinated with war - playing with guns, watching war movies, planning to leave school earlier and join the army etc. As his fascination grew, he also grew interest in the morbid side of war and the desire to be in an environment where aggression and abuse could potentially be tolerated. He then goes to an army base to enlist, excited about the potential of acting out some of the fantasies he has developed surrounding fighting and aggression and is deployed to Afghanistan where he realizes that the reality of war is not the one presented in Hollywood, but instead a brutally unpleasant and emotionally draining experience that begins to crush his will. While there he sees atrocities he thought he was emotionally capable of handling, but it terrifies him. He loses sleep, his connection with his comrades and family begins to erode, and his behavior becomes erratic. Eventually he decides to leave the army and go back to civilian life where his perspective is changed and his fascination in life is less with instruments of aggression, and more

his family and creativity.

I am really delighted with how Drill Down turned out, and I can't wait to get in the studio in early 2011 and get the final album recorded made of it: it is definitely one of the primary Severed Fifth songs and one our growing fan base seems to love it. \m/



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DRILL DOWN

RIDE WIDE, KEEP YOUR HEAD OUTSIDE, THAT
ONE SILVER BULLET AIN'T ON YOUR SIDE NOW,
THEY'RE NEVER GONNA TAKE THE HATE AWAY,
THE BULLETS AND THE KNIVES AND THE HAND
GRENADES,
EIGHTEEN, DRUNK ON FATE, I PULLED THAT PLUG
WHEN I SIGNED MY NAME ON,
DON'T CARE, DON'T NEED NO WAR, I'M LIVING
ON THE EDGE UNTIL I LIVE NO MORE.

DRILL DOWN, DRILL DEEP,
YOU LOOK THE WRONG WAY,
RAPING AND KILLING,
STOP THE GHOSTS WHO CHOOSE TO HAUNT ME,
DRILL DOWN, DRILL DEEP,
YOU LOOK THE WRONG WAY,
RAPING AND KILLING,
STOP THE GHOSTS WHO MURDERED ME,

NEVER GONNA TAKE THE RIDE TO HELL,
THE KILLING AND THE MAIMING, THE MUSCLE
TO REBEL,
IT'S TIME TO SIN THEN IT'S TIME TO PREY,
SHOOT TO KILL, STAB TO THRILL, MY POWER DRILL,
TAKE THIS HELL, TAKE IT TO THE KILLING FIELDS,
POWER OVER HERESY,

YOU GIVE, I TAKE, YOUR LIFE FOR SALE,
HUMAN FLESH HAS NEVER LOOKED SO GOD
DAMN PALE,
MANNEQUIN OF A FALLEN SON,

TAKE THE RIDE, MAKE IT RIGHT ON TIME,
OUTSIDE IS THE GENOCIDAL LINE,
SUPREMACY OF STRENGTH...STRENGTH THAT
NEVER ENDS

DRILL DOWN!
DRILL DOWN!
DRILL DOWN!
DRILL DOWN!

Severed Spotted

If you are wondering just what the heck Severed Fifth is doing out in the world and where they are doing it, then you have come to the right place. First off, if you have not checked out the official Youtube channel;

(<http://www.youtube.com/severedfifth>) I highly suggest you do so. It has a number of past performances and clearly shows what great potential their music has as a live act. If any readers have suggestions for more things the band could be doing in live appearance, be sure to post a thread on the street team forum section. I am sure they would be glad to read them. Be there, or be square!

More information here:

<http://www.severedfifth.com/live/>

The band has/had a couple of live performances at:

Date/Time	City	Venue	Country
12/03/10 @ 8:00 PM	San Francisco	MADHO USE @ Cafe Cocomo	United States
01/22/11 @ 8:00 PM	Oakland	The Uptown	United States



Metal News

Grammy Awards "Best Metal Performance" Nominees Announced

Nothing surprising here, though I am glad to see the bands working so hard to achieve such honors. The Grammy awards have at times been full of controversy concerning the results and attention to this genre. I will note that I was happy to see Lamb Of God made the list, they certainly have done well for themselves since their start in 1994. Without further ado, here are the nominees:

Iron Maiden, "El Dorado"
Korn, "Let the Guilt Go"
Lamb of God, "In Your Words"
Megadeth, "Sudden Death"
Slayer, "World Painted Blood"

System Of A Down To Tour Again

On November 29, System Of A Down official announced they are going to reunite for a tour of

European festivals in 2011. They also declined that they had some sort of "master plan" which I assume means they are not intending at the moment to produce another album, and might return to their various solo projects. I am sure a lot of System Of A Down fans will be excited regardless. The statement on their official page reads:

"Hello All,

We are excited to announce that System will be playing some dates together in 2011.

We also want to thank you for your loyalty and support, not only to System Of A Down, but to all of our solo efforts as well. We have no master plan of sorts - we are playing these shows simply because we want to play together again as a band and for you, our amazing fans. We look forward to seeing all of you!

For a list of tour dates, and on-sale information, go to the NEWS section at systemofadown.com

Peace,

System Of A Down"

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Thanks for reading!