



**INTERVIEW AND  
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**Spencer:** Craig and Duncan take care of the wild side; John and I have responsibilities.

**John:** I have responsibilities in the respect that I have a girlfriend. And I'm a teacher so I can't really go mental generally. The most crazy story I've got is that I was in a folk band and I ran karaoke at Uni, that's the most crazy I get, I think, or the fact that I know all the words to Vanilla Ice - Ice Ice Baby. By heart. That's either very very sad or very very impressive.

**Duncan:** There was that Halloween party you turned up to at Uni dressed as Ginger Spice

**John:** Yeah, I was with four mates and we thought, "Let's go as the Spice Girls".

**Craig:** I break drumkits.

**John:** Yeah, very often.

**Spencer:** I haven't done anything. I've been good.

#### So no groupies at all?

**Spencer:** Not groupies in the traditional sense but we have people who follow us around.

**John:** Anyone interested in the traditional sense see Duncan or Craig.

Well, ok, going back to the Spice Girls, what parts do you each play in the band? Scary? Sporty?

**Spencer:** Duncan's the moody bassist.

**John:** Yeah, definitely the moody bassist.

**Duncan:** I'm not a moody bassist!

**John:** Craig is a beast. He is like Animal from The Muppets but not quite as mellow. I've got a double persona, I'm either absolutely stupid and cracking bad jokes all the time or I'm kind of scarily intense and it depends on what mood I'm in...but I'm mostly stupid. I do crap jokes. That's my thing.

**Duncan:** Spencer is our guitar hero.

**John:** The man with more pedals than brains.

**Duncan:** To be fair we only have one brain.

**John:** All right, fair enough. Though I've got five.

**Duncan:** And I'm not moody.

**John:** No, you're not moody. OK, Duncan is actually completely stupid.

**Craig:** Yeah, we don't mean stupid as in he's crazy stupid...as in he's just stupid.

**John:** Yeah, he's just a bit dim.

**Duncan:** Cheers.

**Craig:** You're coming out really well in this, mate - moody bassist or dim.

**John:** He's very moody if you compare him to someone who's very happy.

#### And finally, aspirations for the future - where are you gonna take your band?

**Craig:** Get signed, tour the world, spend all the money, split up in a hail of drugs and booze and then...

**John:** I'll claim that I wrote everything in the world EVER. Spencer will do a side project with all guitars, I'll do a side project with all the songs that never made it to Red Storm Rising because they were a bit rubbish and so that will sell about fifty copies and then people will realize how bad it is and take it back and then they'll all buy Duncan's album which will be a spoken word album, I reckon.

**Spencer:** Yeah, I mean, I think with the album coming out I think we're gonna push it as much as we can next year to try and actually do something.

**Craig:** Next year, it's make or break.

**John:** If we don't make it we'll kill ourselves.

**Spencer:** Well, even if we don't make it we're still gonna be playing and doing this.

**John:** I think we'll stop playing together when I stop writing cheesy songs, Duncan stops writing cheesy lyrics, Craig loses...

**Craig:** An arm.

**Spencer:** And I stop playing guitar to take on producing.

**John:** 'Cause then we'd have no cool solos. Anything else you'd like to add?

**Craig:** Stay in school, kids!

**John:** Yeah, stay in school, don't play with fire, don't cross the road without looking, don't drink and drive.

**Duncan:** Don't do drugs.

**John:** Don't follow the crowd, stay cool...thank you Renton mosh pit for the great times and thank you to my girlfriend for letting me live with her for the last year. Thank you to these guys for letting me be in a band with them, er, thank you to my car for not dying...

**Craig:** And we want to thank you for putting us in the magazine.

**John:** Yeah, we want lots of fifteen year olds at our next gig! So, fans, if you want to be on our mailing list, e-mail us at

redstormris~~END~~@hotmail.com

Stuck for the ultimate Xmas gift? Here are my Top Tracks for November/December. Glad to help, Nazrene xxx

#### --- SINGLES ---

##### WHEN I'M GONE - EMINEM (12/12/05)

Hooray! The only rapper out there - at least, in my view - that has attitude, style and thought-provoking lyrics. Thank God he's back...a worthwhile investment, and hopefully a good indication of his upcoming album.

##### JERUSALEM - KEEDIE: ENGLAND CRICKET TEAM (12/12/05)

It's Christmas so songs like these are inevitable, but what can I say? People out there seem to buy them, so I thought I'd give you a head's up.

##### MASTER HAS COME BACK - DAMIAN JR GONG MARLEY (12/12/05)

It's as if Bob Marley was back (for me, he never left us), and the true spirit of reggae certainly resides within young Damian. His last single was superb and this one's just as toe-tappingly good.

##### NO GOODBYES - THE SUBWAYS (12/12/05)

Very few rock/alternative bands at the moment are quite so pretty. Boys love Charlotte, I like Billy, but nothing will separate them, as there will be 'no goodbyes'. Catchy tune. Clever stuff.

##### ULTRAVIOLET/BALLAD OF PAUL K - MCFLY (12/12/05)

I love McFLY. The new album was far more creative and musically brilliant than the first, it took a while to get into, so if you're still not sure...invest in this CD, which features two of the best tracks!

##### STAY AWAY FROM

...Crazy Frog's Jingle Bells/U Can't Touch This...unless you are that way inclined.

#### --- ALBUMS ---

##### CHEMISTRY - GIRLS ALoud (5/12/05)

I don't usually like TV-manufactured pop, but there's no doubt about it, Girls Aloud can strut their sassy stuff and make good music too. Relating back to the singles...this album's just as funky.

##### HYPNOTIZE - SYSTEM OF A DOWN (5/12/05)

The great return of System of a Down. Still as eccentrically alternative and heavy as ever, if you loved them back in their Toxicity days, you will still have a place on your CD rack for them now.

##### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH - STROKES (02/01/06)

I LOVE the new Strokes. Their single Juice Box was a little bit weird but tonnes of fun and this album is exactly that and will get those indie rockers out there jumping like a...jumping bean.

##### ARCTIC MONKEYS (30/01/06)

BUY IT! BUY IT! BUY IT!

There is no better album available in Dec/Jan and the title of it's still TBC but you gotta reserve your copy fast. Who knows how fast this little number's gonna fly off the shelves!