

Warped Tour Interviews

Devil Wears Prada, Black Veil Brides, Pepper, The Expendables

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The Expendables

Geoff Weers (Guitar, Vocals), Raul Bianchi (Guitar)

CentralCoastRocks.com: Tell us what it means to you personally to be on Warped Tour

Raul Bianchi: It's been a dream of ours since we were kids. We would come to Warped Tour since we were younger and now to actually be a part of it and see what it's like from the other side is pretty great. To be with so many great bands is a lot of fun.

CentralCoastRocks.com: You guys are from Santa Cruz and actually come through San Luis Obispo quite a bit. Tell us about your connection to the Central Coas

Raul Bianchi: San Luis Obispo was actually one of the first towns we were able to play outside of our home town.

Geoff Weers: A lot of kids from Santa Cruz would go to Cal Poly so we kind of already had a built in fan base when we started touring down there so it was really nice. Playing at SLO Brew, Korie and Todd the owners are good friends of ours so we always go down there a lot and always have great, great shows there.



CentralCoastRocks.com: Tell us about your latest CD

Geoff Weers: Our latest CD is called "Prove It," it was released in May of last year. We think it's our most well thought out, put together CD. It's got a bunch of tracks on it and was produced by Paul Leary of the Butthole Surfers and El Hefe from NOFX. Some good producers and we have some good tones and I think overall we have some really good songs.

CentralCoastRocks.com: Who influenced you to pursue doing this for a living?

Geoff Weers: Pretty much a lot of those bands that were on Warped Tour back in the day. I think we kinda just fell backwards into doing this for a living. (Laughs) We used to do it for fun. It's the only thing we looked at doing for a living because we weren't really interested in doing anything else. I used to work in a deli, not the greatest career.

CentralCoastRocks.com: Do you have any favorite shows that you have performed over the years?

Raul Bianchi: One great one for me was when we played the Greek Theatre in L.A. with Slightly Stoopid, Pepper and Sly and Robbie a few years ago. That is such an amazing venue and a lot of great fans were there, that was one of my favorite shows of all time.

Geoff Weers: Another great show for us was when we played the Queen Mary in Long Beach. We just drove down there not really expecting what it was going to be like but it ended up being the biggest rager ever. For some reason the backstage area was just as packed as the front stage area so basically we were in the middle of the crowd. There were circle pits in front of us and behind us. (Laughs) It was an amazing show.

CentralCoastRocks.com: Final words for your fans?

Raul Bianchi: We love you very, very much.

Geoff Weers: Thank you for supporting us and keep coming to the shows and helping us out with merch and stuff. We appreciate it. Thank You.

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