

Organized Beyond Recognition

By Noel Latta

Norma Jean is a hard-core Christian band straight out of Atlanta, Georgia. Norma Jean has been invading the ears with a spiritual, yet brutal sound since early 1997. They were formally known as Luti-kriiss. They were forced to change their name in early 1999 due to the confusion between them and the rap artist Ludacris. The band is headed by Josh Scogin with his god-like screams, Josh Doolittle and his bass beats, Daniel Davison and his insane drumming, DERR and his guitar melodies and Scottie Henryl committing murder on his guitar. They are anything but ordinary. Their new masterpiece *Bless the Martyr and Kiss the Child* is a musical waltz with killer guitar riffs and catatonic vocals.

Norma Jean is proud to announce that every member in their band is a born-again Christian. They create music praising their savior and try to recruit the damned to God through their music. With their song *The Whole World is Counting on Me and They Don't Even Know It* explains how their God is present in everyone's life whether they like it or not. It also describes how God is able to take the criticism that is placed on him by the non-believers and how he cries for them. The lyrics "Christ is not a fashion," in the song *Memphis Will be Laid to Waste*, explains how religion isn't as simple as putting on clothes in the morning. In the song *Shotgun Message*, Josh says, "I did this for you, not for your religion, not for your patterns." He knows not everyone is going to agree with religion, but one should help bring people to god and not judge them if they refuse. The lyrics "God has stolen my heart," is in the song *Sometimes It's Our Greatest Mistakes that Make for the Greatest Ideas* explains how their lives are totally devoted to God. Even though they are a Christian band, it doesn't mean that they aren't brutal. In the song *I Used to Hate Cell phones but Now I Hate Car Accidents*, Josh says, "My God rain down power. My God rain down fire. War," explains how the lives of those who do not believe will be lost when God comes for his children. The lyrics "White tie, Black Jacket" and "You're slick, a slick and polished mess," in the song *Organized Beyond Recognition*, tell the world how great it is to be an individual. If you follow in the steps of a failure, you will also fail.

The CD *Bless the Martyr and Kiss the Child* is a masterpiece. It appeals to not only Christians, but also anyone who loves the hard-core music scene. It is often described as a "metal waltz." Norma Jean has played over 200 shows in Europe and North America in 2001 and plan to match that number in 2002. Their CD was produced by Adam Dutkiewicz who also produced Killswitch Engage and Evertime I Die. Norma Jean is now part of the Solid State Records family. They are touring almost everyday of 2003 so everyone should go and check them out. It won't be a disappointment.



Noel Latta was born on December 25th, 1984. She is the daughter of Andrew and Gina Latta. She has lived in the same house her entire life. She has a sister named Niccole and a brother named Andrew. Noel and Niccole are twin sisters. Her brother, Andrew, was killed on October 5th, 2001.

Noel is currently a senior at Bentworth High School. She enjoys math, psychology, and Spanish. She is in Spanish IV this year.

Noel enjoys going to concerts, getting pierced and tattooed, and chatting on the computer. She is an A&R representative for Road Runner Records, which is one of the biggest metal labels in the world. An A&R is a fancy way of saying "talent scout." Noel manages a band along with her twin sister Niccole. The band is called Destruction Is Theory. Noel also promotes for over 100 different bands and various record labels. She promotes at concerts, skate parks, and tattoo shops. She attends at least four concerts a month and enjoys hard-core, death metal, grindcore and metal music.

Noel plans to attend California University and registering in their RN (registered nurse) program. After attending Cal-U she plans to move to Boston and attend Berklee to major in music business management.

Not Throwing Stones

By Niccole Latta

Glassjaw is a five piece rock band straight out of Long Island, New York. Glassjaw consists of frontman Daryl Palumbo, Justin Beck and Todd Weinstock on guitar, Larry Gorman on drums and Dave Allen on bass. Formally Sons of Abraham, Glassjaw has come along way in with their music. It is very hard to classify Glassjaw into a specific category. People's opinions of Glassjaw is pretty much cut and dry,

you either love them or you hate them.

Glassjaw made their presence known with their CD titled as "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Silence," which hit shelves in 1999. This CD was more heavier if you will. As Daryl wore his emotions on his sleeve, the rest of the band made it a point to show their pain as well. Lyrics such

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