

Mp3 Born/raised - Foreverandnever



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"catchy power-pop/rock with a punk-rock mentality and a knack for writing hook-driven songs that don't leave you gagging from the sweetener. Hooks and big choruses for days. You WON'T be disappointed." 6 MP3 Songs POP: Power Pop, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: born/raised (pronounced born and raised) have been called a lot of things by fans and critics, but most of those amount to the same point: they play "catchy power-pop-rock with a punk rock mentality and a knack for writing hook-driven songs that don't leave you gagging from the sweetener." Dubbed "the menage a trois love children of Jimmy Eat World, Foo Fighters and Switchfoot," born/raised are currently supporting their newest EP, "foreverandnever," recorded in the Spring of 2006 by Shawn Kimon and Dean Baltulonis at Atomic Studios (The Hold Steady, Andrew WK, Lifetime, Bouncing Souls). Matt (Lead Vox/R. Guitar) grew up playing drums in local Chicago bands until Art School in NYC forced him to learn guitar and work on songwriting for fear of getting evicted from his dorm room. It was there that he met Mark (Bass) who was in a well-loved University punk band that he formed. A CD of songs Matt was working on accidentally ended up on Mark's desk and he was captivated - he talked Matt into turning his acoustic demos into electric songs, and they eventually recruited local musicians to fill in the blanks. "Sorry For Your Loss," a 6 song EP was released to local praise and born/raised were being courted by local indie labels, but didn't feel they were ready to call themselves a band with only 2 regular members. Mike (Drums) has been drumming in successful hardcore bands on the East Coast since he was way too young to buy a ticket in the clubs he was playing in, eventually graduating from the world-renown Drummers Collective in NYC where he was first introduced to the band. He was taken in by born/raised's hooks and pop sensibilities, and knew this band had a chance to do something big. John (Lead Guitar/Backup Vox) had been a successful lead singer/songwriter since his early teens before taking a backseat and becoming the in-band producer and

calming presence of born/raised - also taken in by Matt's song writing, which to this day starts out with just an acoustic guitar and Matt's voice - guaranteeing that every song sounds just as good stripped down as it does with the volume cranked to 10. Since forming in New York City in '05, the local trends dictated they go the 80's route: born/raised figured if they did that, they'd rather emulate Huey Lewis the News than try to sound like Erasure or Joy Division. "Say what you will about Huey Lewis, the man wrote hits," contends Matt. born/raised hopes they do, too.

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