Mp3 Spitfire Tumbleweeds - King James Version



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time, they had a handful of songs that they were toying with, but got sidetracked by the onslaught of band opportunities in Denton. "The Weeds were what we were supposed to be doing the whole time," Porter said. "That's why we moved up here. We were going to play together, and it was these country-type songs that we had going." Both wound up playing with the Fabulous Badasses and Shark Versus Samurai. In addition, Porter performs in Record Hop and Blues Deportation, and Jackson also plays with the Big Ol' Bastards. "We ended up being in rock bands for a couple of years and then just kind of on the fly got offered a show and put the Weeds together accidentally." Jackson said. Slowly, the band began to take shape as the pair made their way in to the Denton music scene playing with their other respective projects. "We were finally getting to do this project right, [what] we started in Fort Worth," Porter said. "We were meeting people that we thought would be a good fit. Before we even knew each other, we would see each other at the bar. I'd probably seen half these guys' bands 20 times before we started playing together." Things began to pick up when Warren Jackson Hearne (and the Merrie Murdre of Gloomadeers) asked the guys to open for his band a couple of years ago. "We had an opportunity to open just as an acoustic duo for Warren Hearne, so we called some of our buddies like an hour before the show and taught them some of the songs," Jackson said. "Those people are still in the band." The rent-to-own members Jackson spoke of were drummer Alex Maples of Super Love Attack and Cory Ward of Record Hop and Current Leaves, who plays bass. With a standard four-piece line-up, the band was technically in business. However, Hearne was so impressed that he came on board, bringing with him his banjo and mandolin. Brett Burrows from Porter and Jackson's first and now defunct Denton band, Raoul Duke (which Ward also played in), was asked to fill in on lead guitar. Eventually, the Burnt Sienna Trio's Justin Collins added his vocals and what the band calls "percussions," with emphasis on the plurality of the word, which includes playing a piece of sheet metal and banging on the disc brake of a car with a ball pin hammer. Current Leaves frontman Aaron White said he was looking for an outlet for his pedal steel playing, and the Weeds' assortment of instruments was a perfect fit. "I think I saw a flier for them, and I was like 'what's this, there's another country band in town. I don't like it," White joked. "They were playing at Mable's, and Warren called me to see if I would play a solo because they were short an axe. I was playing pedal steel but not in a band, and I had no way to do it in Current Leaves. So I saw that as a golden opportunity." White said. By March of last year, White had been officially added to the band's roster, and the Weeds have been playing to an increasingly rowdy crowd of Denton show-goers and

fellow musicians ever since. "When Aaron [White] and JC [Collins] and these other dudes that we respected and got to know and enjoyed their company seemed interested, it just really made sense for us to try to do this," Porter said. The band's roots are not outside the realm of country music, due in part to some members being "raised in the sticks" and growing up listening to their parents' country records like ZZ Top, Willie Nelson and Asleep At The Wheel. "Growing up in Texas, it's unavoidable," Porter said. "It's less of a country band and more of a Texas band." "It's everybody's background music because it was all that was on the radio," White said. However, the band's sound is not that of your traditional country band. The Weeds said it is country band with a Tom Waits, Nick Cave or the Jesus Lizard influence. "This is not a Nashville sounding produced record.," Jackson said. "We're not country. We're western. True country fans don't like us much." After over a year of gigging in Denton and writing songs with the current line-up, the Weeds decided to cut a record. The band recorded their first album, King James Version, last October at The Echo Lab in Denton. The band said that if you missed its official album release party at Hailey's last Saturday, you "missed a good show". However, you may get another chance to see the band play and celebrate the coming of the first album. The band said fans can look for an "all-night, weirdo country throw-down" album release part at Dan's Silverleaf in the next couple of months. PHOTO FROM ARTICLE: media.ntdaily.com/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/42d5ee30209f5-93-1.jpg ARTICLE LINK: ntdaily.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2005/07/14/42d5ee30209f5?in archive=1

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