

*In honor of The Dwarves 30th Year on the Road*

## **30 Things You Don't Know About The Dwarves**

1. **THE DWARVES** play music that crosses all rock genres including hardcore, garage, punk, surf, noise, death metal, experimental, industrial, hip/hop, grunge and good old-fashioned pop. Even their modesty is legendary.
2. **THE DWARVES** first tour in 1988 covered over 6,000 miles and highlights were featured in the Village Voice. The tour consisted of 3 cities, 4 shows and \$165 dollars cash. The band slept in a cargo van and booked gigs on stolen telephone cards.
3. **THE DWARVES** began in the 1980's as an Illinois punk garage band, covering everything from [the Seeds](#) and [Moving Sidewalks](#) to [Gang of Four](#) and [Devo](#). They still have skinny ties and tight pants to prove it.
4. **THE DWARVES** have recorded for visionary independent labels including [Sympathy For The Record Industry](#), [Epitaph](#), [Fat Wreck Chords](#), [Sub Pop](#), [Bomp!](#), [Amphetamine](#)

Reptile, Man's Ruin, Recess, Theologian, Glitterhouse, Burning Heart, White Jazz, High Voltage, No Balls, Zodiac Killer, MVD, Midnight, Reptilian, Riotstyle, Burger and Greedy Worldwide. Some of them even paid royalties.

5. **THE DWARVES** have been stabbed, bludgeoned, swarmed, arrested, shut down, sabotaged and even fellated onstage and much of it is available on video, like the compilations *FEFU*, *Fuck You Up & Get Live* and *Salt Lake City*.
6. **THE DWARVES** were one of the first hardcore bands to regularly use samples, drum loops and found sounds, even on their earliest recordings where they used cassette tapes to generate them.
7. **THE DWARVES** teamed up with Top Ten producer [Eric Valentine](#) (Third Eye Blind, All American Rejects, Slash) to make their last 5 studio albums. He even showed up to some of the sessions! Valentine and Blag Dahlia helped write songs for [Smashmouth](#) and [Skye Sweetnam](#).
8. **THE DWARVES** were kicked off tour with a UK metal band for sleeping with the girls the headliners had hired to hang out backstage.

- They were banned from venerable punk dive CBGBs for breaking a table and bleeding on the floor making the venue cleaner and improving its décor.
9. **THE DWARVES** played with [the Minutemen](#) weeks before D. Boon died, visited [GG Allin](#) in prison and did coke with [the Lemonheads](#) in a seedy hotel room. And that was all in one day! Their list of collaborators on records is vast, including the ones they can contractually mention like Dexter Holland, Josh Freese, San Quinn, Nash Kato, Gary Owens, Stacey Dee, DJ Marz and Spike Slawson.
  10. **THE DWARVES** music has been featured on television shows like [Viva La Bam](#), [Nash Bridges](#), [Rob and Big](#), [Laguna Beach](#), [16 and Pregnant](#), [Homewrecker](#), [Jackass](#) and dozens more. They appeared naked on [Monster Garage](#) and [Playboy After Dark](#), where [HeWhoCanNotBeNamed](#) mated with a pumpkin.
  11. **THE DWARVES** are the very best looking band in show business. They've shared bills with the Cramps, the Offspring, Vandals, TSOL, JFA & countless more!
  12. **THE DWARVES** did a live one-hour performance on [Japan's prestigious NHK](#)

- [network](#). At the dinner afterward, they literally ate a horse. This turned out to be better than all of the food in Indianapolis.
13. **THE DWARVES** inspired a current popular catch phrase with their bestselling 2013 self-help book *Make the Dwarves Good Again*.
  14. **THE DWARVES** played Berkeley's punk collective [924 Gilman Street](#) the first month it opened and appeared there with the likes of [Green Day](#), [NOFX](#) and [the Didjits](#). They were later banned for beating a spectator, but don't worry, he was a fan of some other group.
  15. **THE DWARVES** are a true independent band with no outside management or record deal, DIY forever. They leave no remains when they die, only footprints in the snow.
  16. **THE DWARVES** bassist Rex Everything has been tazed while committing battery and resisting arrest. He loves kittens, puppies and long walks on the beach. Guitarists [HeWhoCanNotBeNamed](#) and [The Fresh Prince of Darkness](#) teach and counsel troubled teens when not ingesting cocaine and masturbating to hardcore pornography.
  17. **THE DWARVES** have been members of groups like [KMFDM](#), [Gnarls Barkley](#), [Mondo](#)

Generator, Kyuss, Motochrist, Penetration Moon, The Queers, Scream, Bloodclot, Decent Criminal and The Uncontrollable. Don't hold it against them.

18. **THE DWARVES** are OG's (Original Grunge) appearing with Nirvana, Mudhoney, L7, Supersuckers, Rev. Horton Heat and the Fluid. They appeared in the film Kurt and Courtney where they were described as "one of the more violent bands."
19. **THE DWARVES** were attacked by a disturbed person enraged over the band's lyrics. The first rock 'n' roll battle record, 'Massacre' proved the old adage that the truth hurts, but so does being assaulted.
20. **THE DWARVES** could be saluted by groups as disparate as the National Organization for Women, the Vatican and the Daughters of the American Revolution for promoting greater gender understanding.
21. **THE DWARVES** are snotty bastards who live in California. Their notorious 'Blood Guts & Pussy' album cover, depicting a dwarf clad only in dead rabbit and blood spattered Amazons, led to widespread banning and protests at gigs for years to come.

22. **THE DWARVES** guitarist HeWhoCanNotBeNamed died in 1993 as reported in [SPIN](#) (100 sleaziest moments in rock #79), [Alternative Press](#), [SF Weekly](#) and Harper's among others. Being denied entrance to Hell he returned to mortal form, commenting later, "that which kills me makes me stronger."
23. **THE DWARVES** music has been featured in films like [Ghostworld](#), [Hostel](#), [Observe and Report](#) and [Me, Myself and Irene](#) where Jim Carrey crooned 'Motherfucker' while having a nervous breakdown in a car. In the hardcore porno 'Rocksuckers' genitals collide to a ballsy Dwarves soundtrack. Lloyd Nickell's video for *Stop Me* contains content deemed harmful by the FBI, FCC and Mothers Against Intercourse.
24. **THE DWARVES** are a cat band, but enjoy a good doggy now and again.
25. **THE DWARVES** singer Blag the Ripper sang the novelty hit '[Do the Sponge](#)' on the [cartoon series Spongebob Squarepants](#). Dwarf Sgt. Saltpeter has written and performed over 20 musical pieces featured since the show began. That's Balls Folks!
26. **THE DWARVES** have been active for over 30 years and Blag has published two novels,

*Armed to the Teeth With Lipstick* and the teenage sex romp *NINA*.

27. **THE DWARVES** performed onstage with [Turbonegro](#) at the Leeds Festival, UK and have toured Europe 12 times performing at Reading, Pukkelpop, Goteborg Gallopp, Download Donnington, Groezrock and Rebellion Fest to name just a few. Please don't ruin a perfectly good gram of hash with tobacco.
28. **THE DWARVES** website was hacked by Islamic jihadists (<http://tcat.tc/1bWYQPX>). Peace be upon you!
29. **THE DWARVES** have an average penis size of nine inches, but most of that is [Nick Oliveri](#).
30. **THE DWARVES'** singer [Blag](#) co-hosts an advice show with Bay Area radio DJ NoName called *We Got Issues*. His podcast *Radio Like You Want* spreads the gospel of bad music and intrusive interviews with accomplice Mike Routhier.