

mp3 blogger



What would be your dream job in music?

Royce: To be working full-time on the blog.
Carly: Ditto!

If you received a leaked album by your favourite band way ahead of release date, would you post it?

No, we gals have morals.

Do you ever post music you don't like?

Sometimes, only because there are several of us making decisions about what to post, and everything isn't going to always appeal to each of us. But for the most part we are on the same page.

Have you been threatened with legal action at any point? Or asked to remove tracks by artists or their representatives? Do you comply?

No we haven't. Of course we would comply!

Anything to add about your policy for posting music?

We try to post songs that are exclusive, at least from local Philly bands, but this isn't always the case. We are just happy to be able to bring music to people, especially when they wouldn't find out without our help.

What are your favourite mp3 blogs?

Royce: Bag of Songs, another Philly-based music blog written by our friend Tom.

Carly: I do love ArtRocker.com a lot, and I get sent a lot of things from newsletters that I'm on vs. actual blogs.

Do you read traditional music magazines and papers? Which ones?

Royce: Yes - anything I can get my hands on, both American and British. I am a magazine junkie.

Carly: Same as Royce. Anything graphically appealing (I'm a font junkie!) with great articles; I also read a lot of Nylon, Tokion, Giant Robot, HoBO... stuff that catches my eye, or magazines that have artists I want to read about featured in them...

How much influence do you think you have? Is your influence growing? Any examples of artists you feel you've really helped break?

Well, we just started after last summer so time will tell. We have noticed that we have brand awareness, so that's great, and we have some loyal readers. As for breaking bands, we would never presume that we would have influence on that. But we do like to let the world know about the Philadelphia music scene, which is fertile and has great bands ready to break out.

What's the best way to send music to you?

We prefer to be contacted via email prior to accepting solicitations:
royce@phillygirlabouttown.com
carly@phillygirlabouttown.com

Do you make any money from the blog or do you have any plans to try and make money?

Royce: Not yet! Maybe someday. Right now we are just trying to get our site established.

Do you still go to record stores and buy vinyl/CDs?

Royce: Heck yeah! Music is an obsession, we get it any way we can! And I collect vinyl too.

Carly: All the time! I don't think I could stop if I wanted to. I pick up stuff at shows and in street sales as well. I'm constantly hunting down harder to find stuff I get tips on, and I also have a huge vinyl and CD collection - everything from power-pop, indie rock, and classic rock, down to pop and punk.

Do you post classic tracks or just new music?

New music

Do you post links to iTunes, Amazon or any other store?

Rarely

Do you only post music that has been sent to you by the band or their representative?

Yes, we post with permission and the usually the blessing of the band.

Please pick just one artist as a tip to break through in 2008

Royce: The Spinto Band (I can't wait for their new album)

Carly: The Ting-Tings

Is there a band or track that you were first to feature in the blogosphere that you are particularly proud of?

Royce: We're just proud to represent Philadelphia in the blogosphere!

Carly: I was pretty chuffed to have Love Is All involved. They're fantastic!

What's your day job?

Royce: Interior Designer at Architecture firm

Carly: I work at a cafe with hours that allow me to do everything from bookings to art, to web and graphic design, to music and writing on the side as well.

Girl About Town

Royce Epstein

Carly Marcoux

Where are you based?

Philadelphia, PA

What made you start an mp3 blog?

Royce: I was writing about music for others, and wanted to do my own thing.

Carly: Royce had a great slant on the blog idea, and asked me on board. I've done other music writing (photocopy and paste zines) for a long time, and was writing for another local blog before Royce asked me to do this one.

Who are your favourite three artists?

Royce: The Who, Paul Weller, Wilco
Carly: Billy Bragg, Paul Weller, Teenage Fanclub