

to do things sometimes . People working it really helps out that , so the recordings we paid for by ourselves . We just split up the amount and pay for it , you know , split it up between . Now we got an advance from these japanese thing so that 's helping pay for stuff now plus some gigs , we're playing around L.A. , you know, doing really well , packing the clubs and we're making money doing that , too. But that's not our main intent, not to make money in the clubs . "

How did you get the chance to appear in the dutch tobacco commercial ?

Tommy : "Our singer Dave's, his ex-girlfriend worked in an agency for actors + stuff and she saw this commercial , they needed a band for a commercial , so she sent our tape and a pic and they picked us , so that's how we got that . They said that this next season in spring or summer they're gonna have us come to Holland to play some festivals maybe . "

What will happen on the L.A. marathon ?

Tommy : "The L.A. marathon was last week, on the 6 th march , but we decided not to do it at the last minute , 'cause we thought it was gonna be lame , 'cause we did 'nt realize that we would be playing at 10.30 in the morning and there

wouldn't be any rock'n rollers down there just families so we thought it would be lame , so we cancelled it that last minute . "

You will release your album on Alpha/Brunette...please tell me more about this company .

Tommy : "Alpha/Brunette is a medium size japanese label with two guys that are running it , they are really cool and they really understand our kind of music . We feel comfortable with it . We're not gonna only release the album in japan but to begin what we are and we gonna release the same record all over the world when the time is right . "

Have you done many live gigs in CA ?

Tommy : "We've been playing a lot of gigs in the L.A.area. We're one of the most popular , the most popular , rock 'n roll band here right now, cause there's no good ones at all . "

What kind of music is popular in the L.A. area ?

Tommy : "The scene here is really kind of down , cause lot of these bands and stuff have broken up , they're kinda lost or something , because the whole alternative scene , you know , the rock'n roll scene is really alternative right now and that stuff is happening more up in north/west . A lot of these bands are coming from there and so the Hollywood

scene is kinda dead right now - except for SHAKE THE FAITH ! We're doing pretty good , cause we've kinda got a punk edge to what we're doing which is different to what most bands are doing here right now . We have a real raw , aggressive angry kinda thing , too , which is for real . And people like that , our shows are really really exciting ! "

How many songs do you have with SHAKE THE FAITH ?

Tommy : "I think we got about 10 or 15 songs and we do a bunch of cover stuff , too, so not Black'n Blue or KISS stuff . The cover stuff we 're doing : The Ramones 'Gadated' , The Kings 'Destroyed' , which is on the new tape , 'So what' by this punk band called Antinowhereteague , we're doing 'Dead,jail or Rock'n Roll' by Michael Monroe , stuff like that . The demo tapes are for sale and we're using it for sale and promotion , but the main thing for the dollars is just for the costs of making them and sending 'em out . So , everybody can get one of these cassettes from us by writing to our P.O.Box. We have more songs recorded , 4 or 5 more songs , which are really really cool . The new stuff we're really happy with it ! "

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