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INTERVIEW

# BIG D AND THE KIDSTABLE

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So who are the musicians in your band?

Marc Flynn: I play trumpet and also do vocals, Dave McWane does lead vocals, Chris Bush plays saxophone, Gabe plays trombone, Dan plays trumpet, Sean plays guitar, Chris Salor plays tenor saxophone, Max plays drums, and Steve's on bass. Mascot TBA.

How long has Big D & the Kids Table been together?

Marc: A year and a half.

What are some up and coming Boston bands that you like to play with?

Marc: Definitely Big Lick. We love to play with Epileptic Disco too. They're more of a funk band. Who else? We like the Skavengers, we have fun with them.

They're up and coming! We love 'em!

Have you guys gotten a chance to play out of town shows?

Marc: Yes we have. We've played rather extensively in Albany, NY at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, as well as... Oh Spring Heeled Jack, that's who we like to play with!

We like playing with Spring Heeled Jack at Pearl St couple weeks ago in Northampton Massachusetts. That was a lot of fun. We're looking for a van right now so if anyone out there in ska land is selling a van for about \$1500, that's what we need.

Dave: Eight dollars would be better.

When you guys played in Albany, have you ever done a show with a band called Can't Say?

Marc: No we haven't.

There's a reason for that. Would you like to know what that reason is?

Marc: Yes, I would.

It's because they aren't capable of showing up.

Marc: Ha!

What style of ska is Big D & the Kid's Table?

Marc: Uh-oh, we could hurt ourselves here.

Our music is ska-based. We are foremost a ska band. There is a little bit of punk and that. It's largely influenced by the California bands: Skankin' Pickle and Voodoo Glow Skulls, just because many of us are from California.

A lot of the Operation Ivy influences. We are a ska band, but we have a lot of different avenues musically. Speaking for myself, The Dead Milkmen have changed my life. We like Let's Go Bowling, The Skatalites of course. Gabe likes J.J. Johnson.

Can you tell an amusing story about Big D & the Kid's Table?

Marc: We were playing at a fraternity party and after we had played, we were housed very nicely in some kid's dorm room. Six of us were in one room, plus the kid who lived there. Our bass player Steve was sleeping in this hammock. He's a huge guy and we all thought that the hammock was going to break, but that's not the point. But he was the only one of us who was still awake. Then Gabe gets up and starts urinating in the corner of this kid's room!

Did you know the kid?

Marc: No! And everything would have been fine... I mean not fine that somebody's stuff had been urinated on, but fine in the fact that that no one would have found out until later Which IS fine!

Marc: Which is fine, right!

Anyway, Steve, who has been watching all this happen, starts yelling "Gabe! It's not the bathroom!" and he said, "What are you talking about?" So they woke up the frat boy and Gabe had to do all his laundry. Worst thing about this particular fraternity was that all they had were cases and cases of *Natural Light*. And they would bring it with them wherever they went.

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What do you do on your day off?

Marc: The whole band is on an Ultimate Frisbee Team. It's the best recreation you can have around here. We've just joined the Ultimate Disc Association and we're very excited.

How's the music scene in Boston?

Marc: Great! There are a lot of bands and a lot of opportunities to play; People are nice to each other. No one's too much of a dick. It's no fun to deal with dicks.

Any recordings in the works?

Marc: We've pressed a split CD with a punk band called Drexel who are also from Boston. They're incredible! It's going to have eight of our songs on it and seven of their songs [ed. *Shot By Lammy*]. We're excited about getting it out. We're going to be selling it at a very affordable price. This is Gabe, in the flesh, our trombone player...

We're being interviewed, Gabe.

I heard about you urinating.

Marc: You got any quotes or comments?

Gabe: No, man. I mean me and the Skipper. We're mates ya know? Just as Ahab and Ishmael. He's my mate. It's a powerful thing, man.

Are you on dope?

Gabe: No! I wish I was man! It's a family, man! I'm looking at your tape recorder as if it were a camera! I just got kicked off the T for drinking, man! (laughter)

Marc: Congratulations, you missed the soundcheck!

Gabe: Did you blow my horn for me?

Marc: Yeah.

Gabe: Who the hell are you guys? We represent Hoi Polloi! ska zine

Marc: We will play birthday parties if you call us.

Bar mitzvahs?

Marc: Yep! We'll do whatever we can get When you dump, do you crumple, roll or fold the toilet paper?

Steve: Foooooold! My friends back in California had huge arguments. One was over whipped frosting or sugar frosting on cake!

Gabe: I'm all about crumpling.

Marc: Crumple.

Thanks and good luck!

*BIG D & THE KIDS TABLE*

Marc Flynn: trumpet, vocals

Dan Stoppelman: trumpet

Gabe Feenberg: trombone

Chris Bush: saxophone

Steve Foote: bass

Jeremy Barnes: guitar

Max McVeety: drums

Sean P. Rogan: vocals, dance

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