

ENTERTAINMENT



Shootyz Groove is a band that no one wants to run into in this alley. Courtesy photo

New York band hits right groove on EP

Shootyz Groove, a new band out of New York City, has a five-song EP out called *Respect*.

The members of this quintet come from widely differing backgrounds and this diversity is reflected in the music they produce. Melding elements of rap/hip hop and metal, they have created a unique sound. *Respect* becomes increasingly impressive each time played.

The members of the band have some funky names: Sense

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and Season vocalize the rhymes for the band; on bass is a fella named Spec; and Dose lays down the beat on the drums. The man with the only regular name, Donny, shines on the guitar that gives the group its rock edge.

Despite their menacing appearance, Shootyz Groove, who do have some admirable, solid grooves, profess peace. Unlike a lot of rap groups (or hard rock bands for that matter), they do not glorify violence.

Shootyz Groove, who leaves out any mention of guns in their lyrics, can and do sling the dirty words that are prevalent in this type of music. Profanity is generously dispersed through the street vocabulary of their songs.

In an interview in *The Mighty Decible* recently, Donny, the axe-man, summed up the band's positive message.

"We feel that, in essence, music has separated our society somewhat between the races of our youth" he told the magazine. "If the medium of music is what broke down and separated us, then if the five of us can get together, coming from all different walks of life, and create something great, then I think music itself, the way we do it, can break down those barriers."

Their music is an interesting amalgam. Basically, they bring metal guitars to rap music. Ice-T did something similar with his latest band, Body Count. Also, Sense and Season, the two rap-

pers in *Shootyz Groove*, work well as a team, taking turns on the mic and trading lines frequently. One can really get a feel for what this band would sound like live on *Respect* because the atmosphere of a club setting is captured.

While this band has worked hard for its success, the group also plays hard. Two of the five songs on the EP are odes to drugs, one favorite being the legal drug Crazy Horse liquor. "Rocking in the Wilderness" is Shootyz Groove's song about their experiences with it.

Their other favorite drug is marijuana. In "Buddahful Day," they advocate its legalization. "Buy it/roll it/lick it/smoke it," they sing. Listening to this tune reminds one of the public service announcement that goes "Get high. Get stupid."

Despite Shootyz Groove's apparent heavy use of these substances, they don't seem to have taken any toll; they rock/rap as intensely as anyone and are supposed to have a full-length album out in September.

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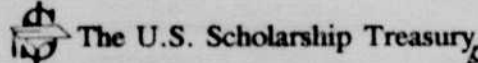
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