

Indy band 'Ironic' content to influence youths with deep, thoughtful lyrics

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No one suspected that a group of 20-something musicians who live off their parents' trust funds would form the band "Ironic." But probably no one wishes they hadn't.

The group's second release, titled "Deep," is eagerly awaited by a younger audience of new listeners in need of a fresh sound. The album follows the band's widely heralded inaugural effort, "In Love." We recently caught up with the popular lead singer Lonnie to talk about their latest work.

Seriously: What inspired the lyrics on your first album?

Lonnie: I don't know. Life is just, you know, so boring at times, so full of clichés. I remember driving down the road and thinking to myself. How ironic is it that the curves in our lives go both left and right? I was in love with the road at the time. I just wanted to go straight. I was so confused, but inspired at the same time. The stars were so bright. I wrote some words down and it just sort of happened from there.

Seriously: Wow. That's deep.

Lonnie: Yeah, that's how my girlfriend at the time reacted.

Seriously: So, what can we expect from this album?

Lonnie: Well, you know, Seriously, when I turned 23, I just realized. Life is so hard. It's ironic. I've come a long way since the album "In Love" came out when I was 21. I drank a lot then. I guess, with this album I wanted to capture the deepness of it all.

Seriously: OK. So what can we expect from this tour?

Lonnie: I will play my heart out. It's ironic, you know. I go out there and play these intellectual ballads and the people cheer. They drink beer and cheer. We've



The band "Ironic" just chillin'. Lonnie, far right, looks pensive.

come so far as a band. I would characterize this tour as poignant and different or an incongruity between what is expected and what actually is; "madness, an ironic fate for such a clear thinker, it was ironic that the well-planned scheme failed so completely." It really is beautiful.

Seriously: Who are your role models?

Lonnie: Oh wow. I would have to go pretty far back into the history of rock-n-roll for that. People like Colin Meloy and Ben Gibbard have been trailblazers for a heartbroken generation. Tegan and Sara had a lot to do with it. They're all just so ironic, if you know what I mean.

Seriously: What would you say to your fans?

Lonnie: Don't be scared to wear your heart on your sleeve.

Seriously: Anything else you would like to add?

Lonnie: I want to thank my fans for being with us through all of the ups and downs. It's so hard being a successful musician in today's landscape. There are so many tall trees and shadows and different paths one can take. I feel so lucky to be taking this one. Love! xoxo!

Lyrics from Ironic's latest hit "Apology Song."

*I'm really sorry Janey
But your tri-bicycle has been stolen
I forgot to watch it for you
Til you came back and fell on your face*

*Honestly, I didn't care at all
I was feeling really sorry Janey
And I spent all morning writing these lyrics*

*Everyone was saying
That you'll take the news freakishly
Somehow I think I'll get off easily*

*I gave her my arm
When I left her locked
Outside the Green Street Food Farm*

*I was just running in
I hit my head on the door
I came out, she was with Billy*

*All that was there was a pair of used clogs
Left where your tricycle was
Guess I'll never see poor Janey again*



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Make my funk the P.Funk
I want my funk uncut
(make mine the P)
Make my funk the P.Funk
I wants to get funky up.
(wants to get funky up)
I want the bomb,
I want the P.Funk (yeah)
I want my funk uncut.
(make mine the P)
Make my funk the P.Funk
I wants to get funky up.

— Parliament Funkadelic



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