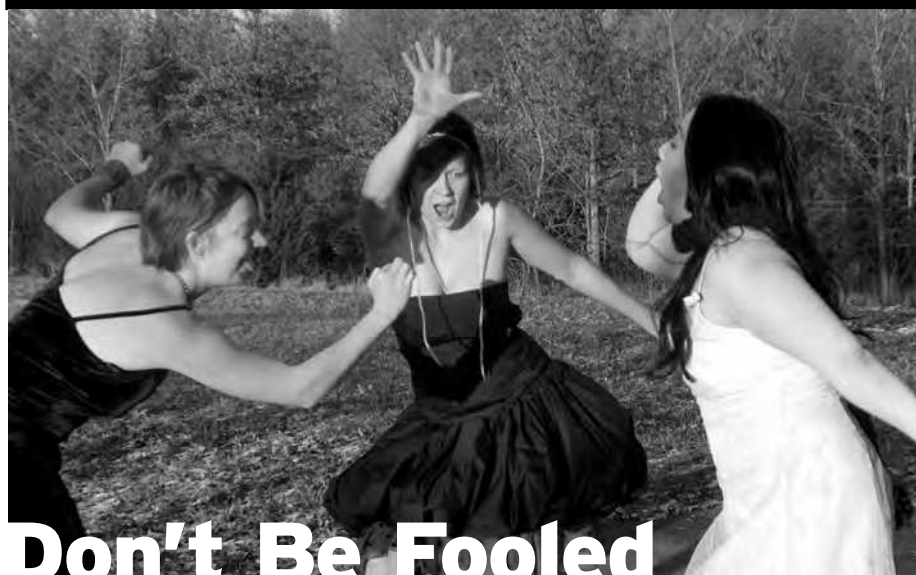




Don't Be Fooled

They may be sweet, but they still want to make boys cry.

The Leah Quinelle All-Stars Featuring Happy have a lot in common: a love of music and booze, the same LQASFH tattoo and a healthy appreciation for boys.

"We're all boy-crazy," says Asia, LQASFH guitarist and vocalist. The other two members are Happy (vocalist, guitarist, banjoist and pennywhistler) and Robin, who is usually the drummer but sings and plays guitar as well. The Leah Quinelle All-Stars Featuring Happy got their name from their first drummer, Leah Quinelle, in order to convince her to join their band. However, Leah Quinelle left after only one show. To convince Robin to join the LQASFH as their new drummer, Asia and Happy wrote a song about Robin entitled, "The Sexiest Drummer in New Orleans."

The women describe their music as "crushcore," a LQASFH term for awesome all-girl rock that is sometimes narrative, but always written with a sense of humor. The lyrics are largely autobiographical tales about boys, getting drunk, sex, sleeping in cars and Pikachu. And even though the women have all written their share of sad songs, the ladies of LQASFH don't ever take their personal pathos

too seriously.

"Our hate songs are also almost love songs," Happy says. Even their angry songs are light-hearted, fun, danceable and, more recently, experimental. LQASFH's newest full-length album, *G, C, D, Go!*, was recorded in five days while the then-homeless band house-sat for a friend. It was the band's first attempt at a concept album.

"A lot of musicians will say, 'You can play any song using just G, C, and D,'" Asia says.

So the band sat down to see how many different songs they could create in that short time frame. Seventeen songs later, the band had a new album, plus an EP recorded in one day before leaving Iowa for tour. But on future

records, the LQASFH want to go in a different direction: no love songs.

Now the three multi-talented women travel together in a cluttered van, spreading their love of music and boys to the world. They hope to make stadiums full of adolescent boys cry, and have met some tearful admirers while on tour.

But Asia has a more specific demand. "I'm still waiting for someone to throw underwear at me," she says.

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