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Misfats Eat Eugene

Misfats supersizing Misfits tribute circuit.

Disappointingly, the Misfats weigh in at around 1,100 lbs. combined mass. With all the recent studies downplaying the negative health effects of being "slightly overweight," a median weight of 288 between four guys isn't THAT much, especially when they prides themselves on being the **FATTEST** Misfits cover band in the world. But if you are going to stay competitive amongst the plethora of touring Misfits tribute bands, you have to have a fool-proof gimmick. And the Misfats hold the crown for the fattest in the land.

"Eating several extra helpings of food every day increases my potency," Spencer Davis (aka Doctor Choade, the band's drummer) says. "This is important for rock and roll, and I think you ladies know what I'm talking about."

"That new food pyramid is bullshit! Or maybe it just doesn't make any sense to me. Am I expected to believe that things like beans and peanut butter are more healthy than say a bag of 20 burgers from McDonald's? Either way, I'm still gonna drink a bottle of gin," he says.

But the Misfats bring so much more to the stage than a few extra pounds and a humongous prop-ham. Unlike Mini-Kiss, a "midget" Kiss tribute band that performed an outstanding stage show at John Henry's last December, the Misfats actually sing and play instruments.

"We are admittedly not the world's most proficient musicians, but we make up for it by trying hard to promote a sense of fun at our shows," Bill Niese (aka Foil Von Franksbeans, the band's guitarist) explains. "When people are laughing and smiling, they tend to forgive the fact that you can't play a decent guitar solo."

The band supersedes the whole scenario by changing all of the Misfits' original lyrics to reflect the Misfats' gastronomically-unfulfilled lifestyle. The lyrical makeover finds "I got something to say...I killed a baby today," from "Last Caress" logically turning into, "I got something to say... I ate a baby today!" from the newly renamed "Last Carcass." Lead singer Noland Bell's (aka Glen Hamzinger) voice bears a resemblance to Glen Danzig's that is beyond eerie, especially when he sings "Butter" the band's version of Danzig's "Mother."

Complete with white make-up, black eye paint and devil locks, the Misfats will undoubtedly frighten as well as entertain this Friday the 13th. Burt Reynolds Overdrive (a local Turbonegro tribute band), along with The Anxieties (who will perform an exclusive Screeching Weasel tribute set) and Knuckledragger (members from the Point Blank Rangers and Cap Gun Suicide covering old school rap songs) will open this night of creepy tributes.

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