

## STREET SCENE

## Detroit Grand Pubahs turn up the funk

The following is the second and final profile of artists performing at this weekend's Mekka Festival in Detroit.

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If you've never seen the Detroit Grand Pubahs, you've never seen anything like this. The Pubahs - Mack Goudy Jr., better known as Paris The Black Fu, and Andy "Dr. Toefinger" Toth met while working at Royal Oak's D'Amato restaurant four years ago. Together, the duo mix sparse and funky electro-beats with satirical lyrics and outrageous showmanship.

In the beginning, they didn't know it would work. "We actually didn't know we would work well together," said Paris, speaking from his home. "I had been DJing for years. He had heard about me. He was studying ... to be an engineer, working on tracks and stuff."

Inspired by heavy-hitters like Prince, and funkmasters like

George Clinton and Rick James, Paris learned a little something about nuances in music. But his over-the-top attitude is pure punk rock, which he prefers in the form of The Clash and Iggy Pop. Toss a little Devo and you'll almost be able to hear why the Pubahs' sound is so hard to pinpoint. Paris calls it "funkno" and it's available in full form Tuesday, Aug. 7 on the Jive Electro release, *Funk All Yall*.

"It just comes off the top of my head," said Paris of his hilarious, often tawdry talent as the groups chief wordsmith. "I don't write lyrics 99 percent of the time. I just go in and whatever the track says to me, whatever the track makes me feel (comes out)."

While I can't detail his subjects of choice, let it be known if the Pubahs made movies, they'd be lucky to get an R rating.

Its all done with an air of humor. Part comedy-duo, part funkno sensation, the Pubahs have the market cornered when

it comes to flair. Last year's cult favorite on the dancefloor, *Sandwiches* sent heads spinning with its faltering vocodered vocals and tasty beats.

The Detroit Grand Pubahs were picked up by Jive Electro Records two years ago after DJ Brian Gillespie released their work on his *Throw* label. Paris says not much has changed. "It's given me the opportunity to travel a little bit more. Other than that, I'm still broke."

The duo has been both embraced and slighted in its hometown. When *Sandwiches* broke and Jive caught onto the act, words like one-hit-wonder were tossed around. But Paris believes it was just ego talking. He's proud of the work on *Funk All Yall*. "I think it will surprise a lot of people," he said. "I think it's gonna do really well."

This time around, though, the Pubahs dabble in a variety of styles. *Dr. Bootygrabber* will make you laugh and blush. "It's about a guy who has his own practice in bootiatrics," is Paris's

best explanation. "My favorite track is *Funk All Yall*," he said. "It's a little bit more involved."

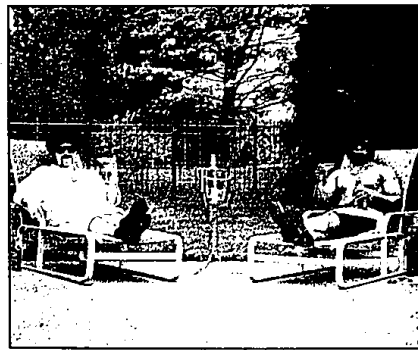
When the Pubahs aren't making you giggle, they're making you think. *After School Special*, recorded with guest vocals by Miss Kitten, takes a cold, dispirited trip through life as a prostitute.

The Pubahs reach their audience through music and show. It's not unusual to catch Paris sporting a thong, or even a diaper. "I've always worn costumes," he said. "I'd go out wearing a full beard, just to get a response from people."

It took Andy a little while to warm up to the idea of dressing up. "He didn't know what he wanted to do. He had to find his style."

Whatever they wear, the Detroit Grand Pubahs are, as Paris said, "bringing fun back to music."

See the Detroit Grand Pubahs at Mekka, along with Danny Tenaglia, Doc Martin, Armand Van Helden, Josh Wink, Junior



Lounge act: Andy "Dr. Toefinger" Toth and Paris The Black Fu are the Detroit Grand Pubahs, bringing electro-funk straight to you at Mekka.

Sanchez, Derrick Carter, H-Foundation, Stacy Pullen, Roni Size, Tullie Kushi, DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ Assault and more, Noon, Saturday, Aug. 4, Fairgrounds Park, 8 Mile and Woodward Aves., Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$50. Call (248) 645-6666.

## MUSIC NEWS

Here's the lineup:

Friday, Aug. 3

Few and Far Between  
Capture the Flag  
Small Craft Sighting  
Radio Holiday  
Red Reaction

Saturday, Aug. 4

Us Ecstatic  
Presidio  
Recorder  
Kevin Boyer

Sunday, Aug. 5

April in Athens  
Small Craft Sighting  
Emanuel Nice  
The Falling  
All Pain Aside

Monday, Aug. 6

DMS (ex-american football)  
Showahane  
Adam's Castle  
The New Grenada



Small Craft Sighting


After whispers and growing curiosity, LOGIC opens its doors this weekend. A combination of performance space, art gallery, and digital recording studio, LOGIC is located in a fourth-floor loft of Detroit's Cary Building, 229 Gratiot Ave.

The space supports local and

national hip-hop, electronic, and underground rock artists.


This weekend, LOGIC presents a four-day festival open to music fans of all ages. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is \$5 per night. A weekend pass is available for \$10.

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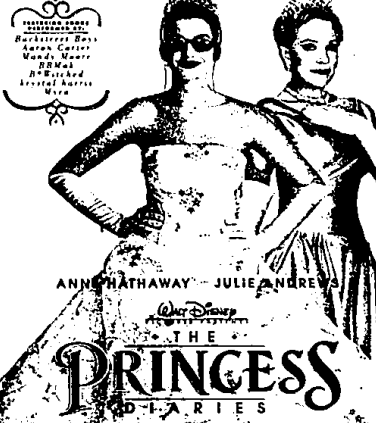
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