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PMX Monthly Interviews: **Random Ninjas**

Random Ninjas, PMX's favorite anime-influenced rock band, wowed the audience with their super-secret ninja performance never before seen at any convention, show, or concert at the Long Beach Convention Center on Sunday, Sept. 4, and Monday, Sept. 5, 2005. Ninjas clad in black enacted a battle scene in regular and slow motion to roaring riffs and riotous cheers.

This month we interview lead Random Ninja "Full Metal Ninja" about the performance and the audience reaction.

Did you have any notions of how your audience was going to react to the ninja performance?

I wasn't really sure how the audience was going to react. I just had hoped for the best that they would enjoy the performance. Hopefully it was memorable for everyone that was there. Everyone that we talked to so far seemed to have really enjoyed the show. So we're extremely happy about that!

Why did you choose PMX to be the location of this secret performance?

We chose PMX because PMX provided the kind of performing environment that a band like ours really needed. We really owe it to [PMX Music Division Manager] Mr. Ray

Warriner for giving his best in providing us what we needed to pull off the kind of show we like doing. He's a good person to work with. If the contact person wasn't a great person to work with, we probably wouldn't have played in the first place.

If Random Ninjas were asked to perform at PMX 2006, would you guys do it again?

We would definitely do it again, because we know PMX prioritizes giving music artists a great responsive environment and great technical support in order to put on a great show.

When and where will the next Random Ninjas performance be?

So far we will be performing at Japan Town Anime Faire 3 (JTAF) in San Francisco on December 17 and 18. We're really excited about that! We will probably have gigs here and there before December too. Hopefully everyone checks out our website from time to time for updates!

For more information about the band or any of their upcoming shows, check out the Random Ninjas website at: www.RandomNinjas.com.

Festival (Hi)Lights

Review of Los Angeles Area Asian Cultural Festivals

The 14th Annual Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture

The weekend after Labor Day is what many in the Filipino American community affectionately call "FPAC Weekend".

On Sept. 10-11, 2005, Point Fermin Park in San Pedro, Calif., became the center of Filipino American traditional and pop culture with two stages of performances ranging from rock to martial arts demonstrations and spoken word to comedy groups.

Highlights of the festival included:

- * Rex Navarrete, PMX's first Comedian Guest of Honor, on scene bringing laughter.
- * Mayor Villaraigosa stopped by to emphasize the connection between Latinos and Filipinos in California.
- * PMX veterans, Zoo Hero, had a red-hot performance that energized the crowd.
- * The Seniors' Village drew in *lolos* and *lolas* who were proud of their vegetables.
- * The Culinary Corner was back with their Adobo Cook-Off.
- * The first Balut-Eating Contest drew gasps and cheers from the audience.
- * In conjunction with Visual Communications, a nonprofit organization supporting the creation of films by Asian and Pacific American filmmakers, FPAC celebrated another year of PinoyVisions.

For more information on FPAC's 15-Year Anniversary in 2006, go to www.filamarts.org

The 32nd Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival



Korean folk dancers on the main stage of The 32nd Los Angeles Korean Festival

From Sept. 22 to 25, Koreans and Korean Americans celebrated their culture at Seoul International Park in Los Angeles' Koreatown.

The festival provided multigenerational entertainment that attracted people from all races that live in the area. The carnival's ferris wheel, games, and bumper cars, were next to main stage performances that ranged from modern dance troupes to rock bands. A sandy patch was a wrestling ring where men of varying strengths and talents tried to throw their opponents out of the ring. The sprawling marketplace in the heart of the festival was a gastronomic treat as Korean confections such as caramel-centered *hoteok* sizzled and spicy ricecake-based *teokbokgi* bubbled in large cauldrons.

A parade on Olympic featured a greeting from the Festival Chairs, several high school marching bands, the Princess of the Festival, and martial arts demonstrations.

The Los Angeles Korean festival is held every year on the third weekend of September.

Visit www.lakoreanfestival.com for more information.

PMX Veterans' and Other Upcoming Events in Los Angeles for October:

10-10-05:

Next Phaze at The Lava Lounge

10-11-05:

Jane Lui at The Mint

10-15-05:

Jane Lui at the Unurban Cafe

10-19-05:

Next Phaze at B.B. King's at Universal City Walk

10-22-05:

Rex Navarrete at the Wiltern LG (This show will be taped for the upcoming DVD *Badass Madapaka!*)

CalState Fullerton's Friendship Games at the ECS Lawn

10-30-05:

Japanese Food Festival at The New Otani Hotel

PMX Chair Mike Tatsugawa's birthday

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