

# THE WALKIE TALKIES ARE PETER SEPRISH AND RAHFFEE BARBER.

By George Alley

According to the Citypaper, *The Walkie Talkies* are a "spartan dance/punk band." As I'm sure it's pretty irritating to be defined in four words, when it came time to speak with Peter Seprish, one half of the Walkie Talkies, I was determined to know as little as possible beforehand, hopefully leaving the reader to formulate their own epic conclusion.

I have no idea what they look like. Sometimes I have no idea what I look like, then I watch *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and say "Oh, yes that's right." Anyways, I hear good things about them, so that's where I began, and asked Peter a few questions:

**Why did you choose a band moniker that begins with "The" and ends with "s"?**

Because The Strokes did it and they got huge! ...plus "N.W.A." was already taken.

**Are the Walkies cold or hot talkies?**

Both. Rahfee is a hot mess and I'm a cold fish in the sack. He tried to molest me when we were homeless in Olympia, WA. I was so sleepy, I just let him have his way.

**Your music has been described as Teutonic.**

Well, Rahfee is half German and half racist... but in a funny way. I've heard most people refer to our music as being wicked and repugnant so I guess teutonic is a compliment.

**Who is the person you each most identify with and why?**

Cher and Sonny. Rahfee sounds just like her and I love to ski. Or maybe the

Whites Stripes... It's like, are they brothers? Ex husbands? Best friends? Just acquaintances? Our dynamic remains elusive.



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**What question should I be asking the Walkie Talkies?**

How did two people with zero musical talent end up making an album so vile yet so beautiful?

**Let's get topical... How do you feel about 12 year old fans?**

We have many 12 year old fans that thoroughly enjoy what we have to say... Most of Rahfee's boyfriends are around that age anyway.

**What talents do you wish you had?**

I'll tell you what talents we do have, Rahfee can touch his toes without bending his knees and I can tie a cherry stem in a knot using only my tongue. Is that erotic?

**You sound demure to me. Do you have any parting words for your fans?**

Let's be shameless and plug the new record. It's our first full length and it's called "All Kids Are Dead"; it's release date is set for Dec 2005. And come to our shows because Rahfee usually ends up getting drunk and throwing stuff out of rage and I usually end up crying. Oh, and catch us on Myspace.