

SMOOCHKNOB BIOGRAPHY



Smoochknob is led by drummer-vocalist and founder Donnie Rife. Formerly of the legendary 90's Midwest band The Blue Meanies (Iowa City, IA) They hail from Portland, Oregon. Donnie formed Smoochknob (Midwest slang for a suicide knob on steering wheel on a car) shortly after he moved from Iowa City to Portland in 1997. His catchy tongue-in-cheek songs garner comparisons to similarly infectious and clever punky bands like Weezer and Presidents of the U.S.A., with a little Tenacious D thrown into the mix. Calling

his music Gay-core; Rife's Elton John on Rivers Cuomo stylings offer catchy, hooky songs that fill their live shows with fans who sing along to every song. It's that infectious. The band's forthcoming album, *Drive By High Five*, is scheduled for release March 19th, 2013.

Smoochknob has achieved a lot in the ten plus years they've been a band, including the release of six albums to date and a string of regionally successful singles. Lead singer and drummer Donnie Rife has emerged as a prolific songwriter. Many of his songs have been featured in national television shows and numerous movies. Through all the success and struggles, the band members have remained grounded by a long-standing friendship that began when Rife, lead guitarist Javier Canteras, and guitarist Paul Lawrence — bonded by a shared love of Weezer, Fishbone and the Beatles — began performing together in their hometown of Portland Oregon in 1997. Their natural camaraderie, not to mention the musical alchemy that occurs when these friends reunite, is palpable throughout the band's new album *DRIVE BY HIGH FIVE* — a supercharged blend of punk, pop and hooky infectious songs that are hard to get out of your head.

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