



Our Music Feature

Xphaze

Where are you guys from?

Alex, Blake, Tim and I are from Mendham & Denzil is from Parsippany, New Jersey.

How long has the band been involved in the music industry?

We've all been involved in music for many years now and started since we were young, but we stepped onto the music scene together as a band about a year ago.

Can you tell the readers a little about the band?

X-Phaze is an unsigned indie rapper and a hip-hop/rock band (band name is the same as rapper name) with styles ranging from pop and reggae all the way to electronic and dance. Our age range is from 16-18 and we reside from all over Northern New Jersey. Only one year in the music business, X-Phaze has won Hot97's "Time 2 Shine" Contest, performed at the 2012 Bamboozle Music Festival, opened up for Rehab & Ritz, won WGirl's "Battle of the Bands", and performed at the 2012 Miss Black USA pageant. "The X" stands as an unknown and a variable; we are the unknown, the winners of the losers bracket, and the outcasts of the in-crowd. We are the variable that seems like it has no importance yet when the true meaning is discovered; it is in fact extremely powerful. The Phaze stands for the different phases we each have to encounter through our daily lives in order to give true meaning to the X. Therefore, we cannot be phased.

How do you describe your music and the band's sound?

Our sound is mainly hip-hop and rock but we also do a little electronic, funk, and reggae. Think of it as the Beastie Boys' music having a baby with Rage Against the Machine's music: we would be that baby.



Do you guys have any videos out?

Definitely, all our music videos, vlogs, and behind the scenes clips can be watched on our YouTube channel XPhazeTV - YouTube.com/XPhazeTV

What do the band members enjoy doing besides music?

AJ - "Playing basketball."
Tim - "Chilling with my friends"
Blake - "I play sports and workout."
Denzil - "I like to play sports & dance."
Alex - "I tend my sheep and enjoy taking warm oatmeal baths."

Can you tell the readers about the bands new or current music projects?

We just released our new single called "Takeover", a mix of head-banging rock and rap. All the instruments used are live; 100% real music. It's available on iTunes (iTunes.com/X-Phaze) & the video for it is on our YouTube channel. We'll be releasing another track soon to called "Fire". Also, two of my solo tracks will be put out in the next month or so. Be on the lookout for all those songs before the end of the summer.

What do you think of the music industry the way it is today?

We're not fans of the music industry today at all & feel as if it is extremely corrupt. I've even stopped listening to radio a while back just because they keep playing the same artists and the same 10 songs over and over every single day. There's no variety and no new music so it gets pretty annoying after a while. On the other hand, the industry's corruptness is what opens it up to the whole world too so we're actually pretty cool with that part.

Nowadays, you don't need a label or a record deal to get discovered. If you can find a way to make that one hit video then you're set. So in a way, the internet has opened up a window to artists anywhere, no matter how many fans they have, who they are, or what they do; to get big.

Do you guys have any favorite bands or artists?

AJ - Tech N9ne & Eminem
Tim - Audio slave & Rage Against the Machine
Blake - Rage Against the Machine & Pink Floyd
Denzil - B.o.B & Outkast
Alex - Matisyahu & Dave Matthews Band

Are there any future plans or goals for the band?

Our future goal is to one day be on that big stage right in front of the spotlight. Whether it is individually or as a band, we all want to be involved in music in some way at the end of the day.

Do you have any type of message for your fans?

We appreciate all the support our fans have given us over the past year. Without them, we would not have been able to make it this far, do this many shows, and even get the buzz from some label companies. Without our fans we would be NOTHING. Much love to all our followers, whether they are from day one or they just found out about us. Either way, if you're a fan of our music then this message goes right out to you.

Do you have anything else you would like to add?

We want to give a big thank you to ModelsMania Magazine for allowing us to do this interview & we want to give a big shout out to the 3 F's: Family, friends & fans. We love you guys. Always remember; be yourself and remain unphazed.

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