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MUSICIANS **NATHAN WILLIAMS** (A.K.A. WAVVES) AND **KYLE THOMAS** (A.K.A. KING TUFF) SHARE A LOT IN COMMON: THE STONER-ROCK HEATHENS BOTH HAVE SICK NEW MUSIC COMING OUT, AND SOME PRETTY TRIPPY GROOMING ADVICE. BY JADE TAYLOR



WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

My bass player Stephen and I recorded a Wavves album with our friend Dylan from Cloud Nothings. And we're finishing another Wavves album. Both come out next year.

SO YOU'RE WORKING ON TWO DIFFERENT ALBUMS?

Yeah. But they sound a lot different. The Wavves and Cloud Nothings record was recorded at my house--while the Wavves album was recorded with a full band in L.A. with legitimate

producers and engineers. I also have a new project called Spirit Club.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING TO LATELY?

This Young Thug, Birdman, and Rich Homie Quan mixtape; and a lot of Devo for some reason.

WHAT IS YOUR GROOMING ROUTINE LIKE?

I don't wash my hair for months at a time. I shower when I sweat but other than that, not too much. I don't like to put product in my hair. I never have. [Laughs] But I do trim my beard.

WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR BEARD ICONS?

Hulk Hogan, but he doesn't really have a beard, he has

a handlebar mustache. I just think anybody who bleaches their facial hair is cool. And Guy Fieri has good facial hair--he's kind of got some bleach in there, too.

WHAT'S THE WORST HAIRCUT YOU'VE EVER HAD?

I used to have this weird asymmetrical, female-electro haircut, which is not the best look. Then I had this Prince Valiant cut with really straight, short bangs and then the rest of it was just long, stringy hair. I've had a lot of bad haircuts. I have one right now.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO GROW OUT YOUR FACIAL HAIR?

I never used to be able to grow it, I guess. I don't know. It was kind of just a lazy thing, realistically. Once it started growing, I was just like, "Ugh, you have to shave your face every day with a razor." It just sucked. It's so annoying.

DO YOU WEAR COLOGNE?

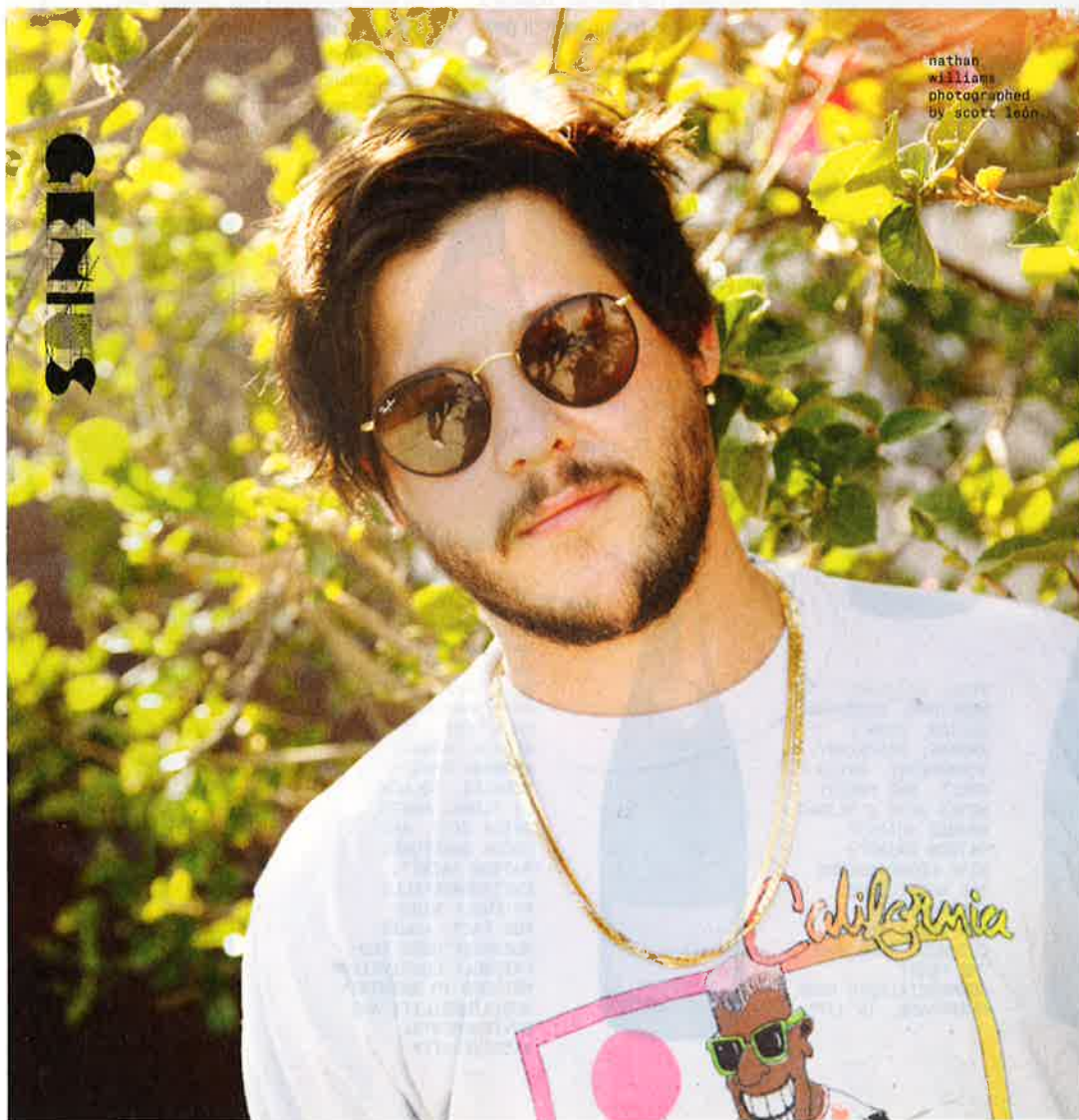
Yeah. I never used to but I have one called Bleu de Chanel. Sometimes I just spray it in my house because it smells that good.

WHAT'S THE CRAZIEST THING YOU AND KYLE HAVE EVER DONE TOGETHER?

Oh, I can't tell you that. One time, though, we went to the Chateau Marmont, took mushrooms, and went to a strip club. It ended up being really scary and not the best idea. Do not go to a strip club on mushrooms.

ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT KYLE?

I don't know why they call him king. He only ruled over Magic Jake [King Tuff's bassist] and Gary [drummer] isn't on Instagram. His dinner-wear was unimpressive and his stench was foul like the one rising from my horse stable. [Laughs]



nathan williams photographed by scott leon

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SO YOU JUST CAME OUT WITH A NEW ALBUM? Yes, my new album, the *Black Moon Spell*.

WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION? Hot sex. [Laughs] It's heavier and darker than my other stuff, but it's still fun and ridiculous.

DOES FACIAL HAIR AND MUSIC GO HAND IN HAND? As far as rock goes, I think hair has to be involved. I don't trust guitar players without long hair. I don't want to see some guy up there with a shaved head bouncing his little cue ball around.

WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR BEARD ICONS IN MUSIC? Lee Scratch Perry looks pretty good nowadays. Not in music: Santa Claus and David the Gnome.

WHAT IS YOUR BEARD PHILOSOPHY? Every guy has a way he looks the best. For some guys, it's

clean-shaven; for me, I can't. If I grow out my beard, it's mostly on the neck, and it's gnarly. I have to keep it in this weird place between full beard and two-day beard.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WERE TOTALLY CLEAN-SHAVEN? Years ago. When I'm clean-shaven I get that weird rubber face. Some guys look good like that but not me, I just turn into a rubber head. It's nasty.

WHAT'S THE LONGEST YOU'VE EVER GROWN YOUR BEARD OUT TO? When I'm old I'll try and grow it longer. I think most old men should have a beard. There's just something about stroking it that makes you feel great.

WHAT HAIR PRODUCTS DO YOU USE? I steal my girlfriend's fancy stuff. And I like stuff by Lush, especially that beer

shampoo Cynthia Sylvia Stout. I like the crazy smell. I want the most expensive thing all the time.

WHAT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE GROOMING PRODUCT YOU OWN? I have a golden toothbrush for my golden tooth. I use a different kind for my other teeth, but I have a gold one for the gold.

WHAT'S THE KING TUFF BEAUTY SECRET? Sleep until noon, do at least three blood-curdling screams upon rising.... Also: I don't believe in deodorant. The way you tell you're attracted to someone is by their scent, you know?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT NATHAN? Oh, my little "shit pipe." He's a twinkling gem of a flame atop a well-groomed rock 'n' roll candle.

