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## FANTASIA! Valient Thorr Reveal Plan to Manifest in Vancouver

By Cowboy TexAss

**A** Valient Thorr show is a hard one to preview. It's a spectacle. The showmanship and energy of James Brown or Jerry Lee Lewis, '70s southern boogie mixed with cock rock, all led by a sweaty, hairy stage phenom who whips his crowd into a cult-like fury: Valient Himself. I caught up with the enigmatic front man as he browsed the aisles of a grocery store for ice cream, whilst orating about Hitler, Bush, Disney, time travel and the like.

**Nerve: How has the recent signing with Volcom, and subsequent Warped Tour gig changed Valient Thorr?**

Valient Himself: It's taken us to a new level for sure. We were pandering to poor 20-somethings before. Now we're pandering to rich 14-something. Very cool. To be a band that's from outer space going around - there was no bigger outlet for us on Earth than the Warped Tour.

**Nerve: Right. Go back to that outer space thing for a second...**

Valient: Yeah, we're from Venus, near the three ice rivers!

**Nerve: OK. How... uh, did that come to be that you're now here, rocking out on Earth?**

Valient: We crash-landed, in DC. We had a time machine too, but... we were discovered! See, we've been here many times, in many alternate realities. 100 times even, been all over the different continents, different time streams. Like in that terrible movie with John Belushi's brother [Mr. Destiny] where he hits the baseball instead of missing it, and suddenly his life is all-good but he realizes it's all shit anyways. Meaning - there's lots of different outcomes, depending on what choices you make in life, and we've been to all these different 'outcomes'. But we left our time machine in 1977 and it was discovered by Walt Disney, and when we went back to get it we found out that we were kinda' fucked. We were forced to live our lives as Earthmen, with no other alternatives. At first we thought this was a bad thing for a long time, but now - making our place a

better place to live has become our mission. Positive vibrations are abounding!

**Nerve: Tell me more about your beef with Walt Disney.**

Valient: He is a shady, shady individual. He had no idea what he was doing on Earth. He came to know individuals in power, telling him to do 'what's right'. He's sorta' like George W. Bush in fact, in respect to human rights, etc. A hypocrite. He got caught up with the wrong characters and eventually became a corrupt man, and later on, got our time machine and escaped Earth. It was rumored that he was on ice, but that's all horseshit. He never died. Walt Disney is now immortal.

**Nerve: Is there a Walt Disney vs. Valient Thorr showdown pending?**

Valient: Ah no. We got the number for that Earthman televangelist though... Shot down the guy from Hustler... [Jerry Falwell?] We called him the other day. He said that Walt Disney was a very Christian man and that we were crazy and he hung up on us.

**Nerve: What should a concert-goer be wary of at your shows?**

Valient: Y'know that guy Gallagher that would bust open watermelons with a big mallet... Get watermelon all over people? We've got the same thing - with SWEAT.

**Nerve: What should the Vancouver crowd be thrown up on stage?**

Valient: Panties, weed, liquor, money... Any combination of those. Always appreciated. Whatever the spoils of earth

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bands are, we want it.

**Nerve: Have you ever considered doing a rock opera?**

Valient: Hell yeah. Let's just say there's one in the works. It deals with what's goin' on in the media. An observer should look at the whole of American politics as an opera. Not opera in a good way. Things that are going down right now are goin' down exactly like

humungous tragedies (of the past), but those tragedies can be easily turned into comedies.

**Nerve: If you could ask yourself one question, what would it be?**

Valient: Another interviewer asked if we expect people to take what we do seriously, or are we

worried that people will think we're joking - that it's all a joke. It doesn't matter if people treat it like it's a joke. It doesn't matter if you're from Venus, from North Carolina, Antarctica, Australia. What matters is where we're going and what we do and what we bring, and we bring it every time we come out, we bring it - to give you a show, a performance, adrenaline, pumping you up if you're bummed out... I think a lot of that is missing in a lot of Earth entertainment. If someone is lookin' for a good time, a good show, and wants to get stoked about accomplishing their own goals, come out. If they don't dig it, they'll get their money back for sure.

*And so you have it. All this and more as these outspoken Vikings from space rock Vancouver on November 4th at the Brickyard. ■*

