

(Hed)p.e. with Kottonmouth Kings, Tech N9ne and Sub Noize Souljaz



For the members of stoner nation, a Kottonmouth Kings show is the pinnacle of entertainment experiences. And not to disparage the artists, but their events are more about the Mary Jane than anything else.

This can be a good thing because the line-ups can be eclectic and flexible. This time thru DFW has the Kings are sharing the stage with (Hed) p.e. among others. “We do all kinds of things [musically],” says Jahred Shane, Hed’s frontman, of kickin it with rappers. “We mix punk and hip-hop. It’s pretty sweet.” Shane talks little, but quietly gets right to the point ala Sgt. Friday.

Hed just passed thru Dallas at the Palladium not long ago on a rock music-based tour with Mower. (Only Twiztid was pumpin beats at that show.) And since Hed fits nicely into different genres, the band never seems to stop touring. “This is my calling,” Jahred explains. “It puts my spirit right.”

It is that spirit that makes him such a remarkable presence – one that never seems to tire. “You gotta do what you gotta do, ya know,” he says on the intense connection he seems to have with the crowd. “It is performance art, but it’s easier said than done.” Sure he’s a little chilled during our convo, he’s in the middle of an eleven-dates-in-a-row run. Just wait until he hits the stage.

Look for their new CD *Insomnia* in stores now and check out (Hed) p.e. with KMK at the House of Blues on August 22. (MB)

Smokin’ Dave Benefit – O’Riley’s

Most people in local music know Smokin’ Dave one way or another. The new, beautifully remodeled O’Riley’s hosted this benefit to help with his mounting medical bills. The crowd was loud and large as they cheered tales of Dave’s past generosity (he’s hosted plenty of benefits over the years) along with some classic rock and metal. Highlights included Lowside, Dr. Shame’s Love Circus (playing “Live and Let Die”) and an acoustic set with Mongo of Hillbilly Orchestra. He almost sounded civilized! Special acoustic sets by Dave’s band - The Little Mule That Died - were awesome as well.

