



Joyside

Conducted via email on March 2nd 2007 with Bian Yuan of Joyside and Azchael of Rock in China for Rock in China.

Azchael: Could you please briefly introduce your band and your band's members. Who is Joyside?

Bian Yuan: We started in 2001. We play revelling nihilistic songs, I sing in the band, liu hao plays bass, xiao hong plays guitar, guan zheng plays drums.



Azchael: What kind of music are you making and why? What is your message of being punk?

Bian Yuan: We want to make simple and pure rock'n'roll. punkrock is the purest rock'n'roll.

Azchael: Would you describe yourself as a punk band, a Chinese band or a Beijing band?

Bian Yuan: I think it's no sense to divide up rock'n'roll by nationality or by area, just like it's no sense to divide it up by gender.

Azchael: What is your opinion on the local (Chinese) punk scene? Comparing it to the early days of the Wuliao Contingent, where are we now?

Bian Yuan: The scene is growing bigger and wider, almost there are new bands on stage everymonth. It's going to explode soon.

Azchael: As we posted on rockinchina.com, Joyside is preparing itself for a tour through Europe this summer. Have you ever been touring in a foreign country?

Bian Yuan: This is our first time to play abroad. the tour is from 20th april to 1st june. we will go to germany , austria and switzerland. and our germany company is booking more shows on more countries. I think it will be a amazing tour

Azchael: What are you expecting of your tour? Are there any specific places you want to

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visit (e.g. sightseeing)?

Bian Yuan: I wish we could go to more places and meet fantastic people, as more as we can. my dream is visiting Jim Morrison's grave, if we could go to paris. I should have a drink with him, and also Stiv Bators-- my best love rock singer, he had his ashes spread over Morrison's grave

Azchael: What do you know about the European punk scene? What do you expect from it?

Bian Yuan: I found bunchs of european bands on myspace. they are awesome! we hope we could meet them.

it's really cool if we could have chance to play together

Azchael: Do you have plans on releasing a record on a European record label in the near future? And if yes, which one?

Bian Yuan: We just signed with a german label called fly fast records. we have recorded 11 new songs for our new album < Booze at Neptune's Dawn> . here is the website <http://www.fly-fast-records.com/>

Azchael: Rock in China started promoting your music via [Last.fm](http://www.last.fm/) in the last month. Is there any chance that European punk fans can actually buy your records from abroad? And if yes, how can they do it?

Bian Yuan: Yes, the album will be released on 19th april in germany. and also our label is looking for some copartners in the other countries

Azchael: With which artist or band (dead or alive) would you love to jam once?
johnny thunders, t rex & pete doherty

Azchael: What is your favorite drink? What your favorite food? And what your favorite haircolor?

Bian Yuan: I like beer and whiskey, xinjiang food and seafood. i like my black drunk hair.

Azchael: Thanks for the interview.

Bian Yuan: Thank you too, good luck!