



## DAN LORENZO—Northern NJ

Anyone who grew up in New Jersey's local music scene has to know the legend of the bands Hades and Non-Fiction. If you don't, then you must be either too young to know about them or you must've been living under a rock because back in the late '80s/early '90s, they were probably two of the most successful metal bands to come out of New Jersey. Paramus native, Dan Lorenzo happened to be the guitarist for both of those legendary bands. Does that make Dan a legend? For our little community of NJ musicians it does because Dan was able to do what we all dream about! That being signed to Metal Blade Records and being able to tour around the world. Well, now in 2004, Dan

Lorenzo feels that it's "Nice Being Alone" and would you believe it? That's the name of his latest CD, his second as a solo artist.

About a year after Hades released *DamNation* on Metal Blade Records, Dan and Hades decided to stop playing live. Dan stated that he just had more fun playing basketball and traveling with his wife, Gina. Then 2003 rolled around and Dan got a call from the manager of Jeff The Drunk from the Howard Stern Show. Apparently, he'd heard some of the commercials that Dan wrote for the E! Channel and he wanted Dan to record a Christmas album for Jeff. This recording started to whet Dan's palate with music again and he eventually wanted to record some of his own new original songs. In October of 2003, Dan released his first solo CD, *Cassius King*, which featured a wide array of other local musicians, like Mike Cristi from Years Of Static, John Kosco from Drop Box, and Alan Tecchio and Jimmy Schulman, who used to play with Dan in Hades and Non-Fiction.

Dan Lorenzo came back this year with his second effort, *Nice Being Alone*. This time he pretty much did everything on his own. John Kosco from Drop Box appears on a rough mix version of "Devil's A Lady" which is a killer track and Bobby Blitz from Overkill appears on "Too Fast For Hate." Dan's guitar riffs are just spine tingling, especially on tracks like "My Level" and "Keep It Together." My favorite song though, has to be "F-Bombs For Everyone." This is Dan just telling

everybody that he doesn't give a F\*\*k. It sounds like a fun recording too!

Dan Lorenzo has a new track called "Clintonesque" that you can download on his website, [www.danlorenzo.net](http://www.danlorenzo.net). Check it out! You can also find Dan on a new compilation CD, *More Music Volume 3*, featuring other local bands, like Smoke Star, Low Buz, Sixty Miles Down, Ten Ton Truck, and of course, Dan Lorenzo.

## NORTH JERSEY NOTES UPDATE:

Evan Toth And The Excuses did something really cool last week. As well know, we haven't heard from Evan in a while as he is in the studio working hard on his new CD. But because he missed his friends and fans so much, he decided to put together a holiday party over at Verbena in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Yes, the site of Bananas Comedy Club. Evan Toth And The Excuses performed some old songs, some new songs, and some fun songs in one of the two rooms. The first time the band has played in months. In the other room, a full out party with food and of course alcohol!...Congrats to former Trudge guitarist and brother, Steve Fakelman. He landed a new gig as one of two new guitarists for the band Candiria...Michelle Wolf Band played a fun show a couple of weeks ago at Dingbatz in Clifton, NJ. They kicked off the Christmas party for WDH's popular syndicated show The Tour Bus. That wasn't even the cool thing! The cool thing was

that they got to open for American Angel and Jani Lane. Yes, I said Jani Lane, as in "Down Boys," Jani Lane, as in "Cherry Pie," Jani Lane, as in Warrant's Jani Lane. That's so cool!...And finally, on the major rumor front...Word has it, that local hero John Kosco of Universal recording artists Drop Box has hooked up with Alice In Chains guitarist Jerry Cantrell. I'm very curious to hear this collaboration because we all know that John has odd similarities to the late Layne Staley, whom he idolized. If this collaboration works out like I know it will, could it mean that Alice In Chains will rise from the ashes? And what will happen to Drop Box? Hmmm? To be continued!...Have a Happy, safe, and Merry Christmas! By the way, thank you Santa for bringing my Christmas gift early this year! The Motley F\*\*kin' Crue Reunion, baby!...Oh, and I can't leave without saying this...To a guitar God! May you rest in peace! What happened to you is a total travesty and Dimebag Darrell, you will always be remembered for the life you lived and the music you gave!

That's all for now...If your band is from North Jersey and you want some exposure, send your demos and press kits to Arts Weekly, c/o Tim Louie, P.O. Box 1140, Little Falls, NJ 07424 or if you want me to check out your band or a band that you think could use some exposure e-mail me at [Tim@theaquarian.com](mailto:Tim@theaquarian.com) and let me know where you're playing next.

Just remember...We're all in the same boat, so every little bit of exposure counts!