

## Faster Pussycat rocks Gallup

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Whoever said "Rock & Roll will never die," was so ever right, and especially good ole' classic rock. Gallup was treated to a night of classic rock from the band Faster Pussycat at Juggernaut Music, 308 East Historic Highway 66 May 13.

What is so amazing about this band is that they currently have put out only four albums and they continue to tour and pull in the numbers.

Faster Pussycat is an American glam metal band from Los Angeles, Calif., formed in 1985. The group was most successful during the late 1980's with their self-titled debut album, their 1989 gold album *Wake Me When It's Over* and the 80,000 selling *Whipped!* in 1992. Hit songs include, "Bathroom Wall," "Poison Ivy," and their hit ballad, "House of Pain."

Faster Pussycat consists of: Taime Downe – Lead Vocals, Chad Stewart – Drums, Xristian Simon – Guitar, Danny Nordahl – Bass, Ave Von Johnson – Guitar.

The Band was formed in Hollywood by Taime Downe during the glam-metal boom of the 1980's.

**JC:** So how does it feel to be playing in Gallup?

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**Taime:** I couldn't believe they added us — I've ridden through Gallup a couple times on a motorcycle but I don't think we've ever played there.

**JC:** Can you believe you guys are still cranking?

Taime: No kidding, yeah it's been a long time. We started out in the mid 80's and that's why this is called the "Dirty Thirty Tour."

**JC:** How has the tour been?

**Taime:** It's great, it's actually winding down, we have a few shows left and then we go back out at the end of July till August for another seven weeks. We'll tour for September then do the Monsters of Rock Cruise out of the West Coast, which will be the first time out of Long Beach, Calif. The last five were out of Florida, so this will be different.

**JC:** What would you attribute to your guys' success for standing out this long?

**Taime:** Lots of booze, cigarettes, and sex...(laughs). Continually working, you know...we don't sit there and take five years off and then get antsy and say, "Hey, let's go again and play some more rock and roll." This is how we live our lives everyday, we tour constantly. We've been doing this since 2001, you know.

**JC:** Are you guys working on some new stuff?

**Taime:** Yeah, we actually put out a track for all the victims of the Paris attacks, it's called "I Love You All The Time." You can get it on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and all those outlets, so everyone go out and get it — it's for a good cause and the track turned out killer. But yeah, we have six new songs getting ready to retrack some drums to it.

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**JC:** Well cool brother, thanks for the interview and hope you guys can come out and do it again!

**Taime:** Yeah, brother, that's who we are, touring constantly and it's our life. We've been doing this for ever, we're a dirty rock-and-roll band, that's how we roll, man.

Faster Pussycat definitely showed why they still rock and are continuing to do so. Ernie Santiago, owner of Juggernaut Music, said, "It's important to give our people access to entertainment they can relate to." Concert goer Camille Jasmine said, "Faster Pussycat still rocks as ever, especially when the band members took time to take pictures with us ... the fans, it was an awesome concert!"

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