

NI ROCKS Interview with RYAN ROXIE of CASABLANCA/ROXIE 77/ALICE COOPER BAND

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Most people will know Ryan Roxie as one of the guitarists in the Alice Cooper Band, but that is only one of many musical outlets for the talented Californian who now lives in Sweden. His band Casablanca have recently released their second album "Riding a Black Swan" and there are plans for further releases from Roxie 77 (R77). Ryan graciously agreed to answer a few questions for us just after completing a tour of Spain with Casablanca and a series of Gibson Guitar workshops in France.

NI ROCKS – Thanks very much for agreeing to answer a few questions for Rock Radio NI. We got in touch following the release of the latest album from Casablanca entitled "Riding a Black Swan" so I thought we'd start there. Casablanca was formed back in 2009 and released their first album "Apocalyptic Youth" in 2012. Can you tell us how the band got together?

RYAN – We formed in the living room of our lead singer, Anders Ljung. In that room Anders keeps two things....his red wine collection and 10,000 + vinyl LP's....over lot's of listening to great records (and many glasses of red wine), the 5 of us decided to form a band and make a record that was influenced by all our common favorite albums.

NI ROCKS – "Riding A Black Swan" was originally released in September but is being officially launched in the UK in February. I have to say we love it! It's one of those albums that grabs you at first listen. (<http://www.rockradioni.co.uk/back-stage/music-reviews/1415-ni-rocks-recommen ds-riding-a-black-swan-by-casablanca.html>) Where was it recorded and who was involved in the production?

RYAN – We really appreciate the support that the UK has thrown our way since the bands incarnation. We recorded Black Swan in more of a 'raw' setting meaning we recorded it in the bands recording studio that doubles as our rehearsal spot....many of the basic tracks were all done together in the same room...that's what gives the album a much more 'live' sound then our first.□ Up and coming Swedish producer Jon Borden was at the control desk.

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