

Seattle's Three Imaginary Girls: Dana Bos, Liz Riley, and Char Davidson

Q: Tell me a bit about yourselves and how you became imaginary.

A: We are three indie rock super-fans in Seattle who decided to start documenting our show-going experiences and good times way back in 2002. Dana and Liz met while volunteering on the morning shift at KEXP. We found ourselves filling our calendars with shows most nights of the week, and over time had the idea of taking our instant message recaps and discussions of each night's events to the web. At first it was just our friends keeping up on our constant posts. Over the years, our readership has grown to folks all over the world. We like to think that we are broadcasting our under-the-radar experiences of the booming Seattle music scene to the world.

Q: What's been the most surprising result?

A: We think the reaction of our readership and what has grown outside the confines of the web has been one of the happiest effects of the website. We've had the opportunity to put together events in Seattle showcasing some of our favorite local and touring bands, as well as fun indie rock community-grow-

ing gatherings we put together now and again.


Q: How do you stay involved in the local music community?

A: We listen. We get mail bins of music each week, many of them local, and we listen when we get contacted through MySpace too. Then we find ways to highlight budding local bands that we like, even before their records are out — whether we podcast a track, or we play it on KEXP when we guest DJ, or we go see a live show and write about it. It's all about building excitement for a band and getting like-minded people to check them out.

Q: Your name is a reference to The Cure's *Three Imaginary Boys*, but it seems like all of you have stayed purposefully elusive. Do you feel that gives you an advantage?

A: Yes. We don't aim to be in the spotlight; we leave that for the bands we cover. In hindsight, perhaps we would be more popular if we named ourselves after The Cure's *Pornography*. Just think of the web traffic!

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