

THE DEER HUNTER

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State your name and position in band.

Casey, vocals, rhodes, guitar.

Where did the name "Dear Hunter" stem from?

It originally was just a name that a few friends and I came up with in school for a band that never really started. Then a few years ago I started writing a story around a character named The Dear Hunter.

Can you describe your music for someone who has never heard it?

Baby-makin' music.

The "Act 2" album is coming out on May 22nd, what are you guys most excited about? Will you be performing anywhere to lead to the release?

I'm most excited to see the reaction from people who were fans of the EP. The LP is a bit different, so it will be interesting. We are playing a few shows to support the record's release (an instore at Best-Buy in Worcester, and then shows in Hartford CT, Philly, and Providence).

Are "Act 1" and "Act 2" connected?

Yes, very much so.

Where does the inspiration for the lyrics come from?

The inspiration comes from over-romanticising my life experience.

What is the writing process like for the band? Can you just come up with an entire song all at once? Or does it come to you slowly?

For this record, it was basically me at a piano, with the band hanging out, and I would just start playing, and we would say "Oh, I like that..." or "That was horrible". Some songs take time to mature, and others just

present themselves in their entirety in a matter of hours.

What's your favorite part about touring?

The physical act of performing.

What's the best part of being the band and would you trade it for anything?

The best part about being in this band is being able to play music that we love with friends that we love. We have only been together

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roughly a year now, but known each other for quite a bit longer, and we all love each other dearly. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Any funny stories from the road?

Once Luke and I had our biggest fight over a chocolate flavored beer.

What's it like being on Triple Crown Records? How did you guys meet up with them?

TCR is amazing, and the staff is amazing as well. They have been super great to the band and me, and its really inspiring to have people in your corner. I used to be in another band on the label, TREOS, and when I departed from the band, the label told me they were still behind

me, so we began working together on the Dear Hunter.

What would you consider major themes in your songs, if any?

Human nature is a big theme in the music.

What's your idea of a perfect performance?

A show where you have to stifle a smile from start to finish because it just feels so right. Everyone hitting their notes, falling into the same groove, and enjoying themselves most of all.

Who would you like to say Shut Up! to?

Sam Dent

