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## BROADWAY CALLS

OREGON TRIO ANSWER THE CALL OF OLD-SCHOOL POP-PUNK

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**“W**E’RE ALL definitely fans of the old pop-punk style, not the heavy pop-punk sound that’s so big right now and makes up more than half of the bands that I’m touring with,” explains Broadway Calls frontman Ty Vaughn, from the Virginia Beach stop on this summer’s star-studded Vans Warped Tour. “Bands today want to sound like Fall Out Boy or The Academy Is... and I don’t understand why. It’s frustrating because there are a lot of amazing underground pop-punk bands but they never really reach a big audience.”

This may not be the case for Broadway Calls. Since forming in 2005, the trio (which includes bassist Matt Koenig and drummer Josh Baird) took to playing basement shows and community centres – the kind of places often reserved for circle-pit-wielding hardcore acts, not bands worshipping the melodies of Green Day. Fortunately, the unlikely audiences loved what they heard and have been loyal fans ever since. This past February marked

the re-release of Broadway Calls’ self-titled debut through Adeline Records (which happens to be run by Green Day’s Billie Joe Armstrong) and the band has been on the road ever since. There’s even been talk of them returning to the UK (after their success at this year’s Give It A Name festival) in the autumn for a proper club tour with fellow pop-punkers Save Your Breath from Newport, South Wales.

“Punk was kind of like an addiction,” remembers Vaughn of his teenage years seeing shows all over the Pacific Northwest. “It originally had a lot to do with there not being anything else to do in Oregon; as we got older, there were other things to do but *playing* punk rock was something we needed to do. Our lives would be pretty empty if we weren’t doing this.”



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