

GRIEVES



In 2003, Benjamin Laub (Grievances) found himself alone and in a new city. Benjamin secluded himself in his Seattle apartment where the only furniture was his bed, a TV, and an MPC 2000XL. Benjamin spent most of his time creating beats and writing songs as he reached out to other artists in the Northwest music scene. As he honed his craft, Grievances found opportunities to perform in small clubs and venues, and began funding and booking his own tours. In 2007, Grievances released his first LP, *Irreversible*, which earned him his first taste of national recognition as a touring musician.

In 2008, Grievances partnered with Budo, an established local producer in Seattle to create what was going to be an online EP together. After a couple weeks in the studio, the project had developed into Grievances second full length release, *88 Keys and Counting*. The two have since moved to Brooklyn, but spend most of their time in a van driving from city to city. Despite an unyielding tour schedule, the duo is constantly creating music, always pushing each other to go beyond genre lines to generate an extraordinary result.

While the music Grievances writes is often riddled with heartbreak, pain and brutal self-truths, he's not all gloom and doom. Grievances says that song writing is a process for him to deal with the problems and harmful events of his life, so most of what hits the paper is a way for him to recognize and cope with those feelings so that he doesn't have to shoulder that burden time and again in his day to day life. Consequently, Grievances live show is one of the most captivating and energetic performances in hip hop – utilizing multiple instruments on stage and an excellent blend of high energy with skill and humor to create an enjoyable and memorable experience for the fans.

In November 2009, Grievances signed to the Minneapolis based label, Rhymesayers Entertainment. In March of 2010 Rhymesayers re-released *88 Keys & Counting* and released an EP with all new material called *The Confessions of Mr. Modest*. Grievances is currently in the final steps of finishing his album which is due out Spring of 2011.



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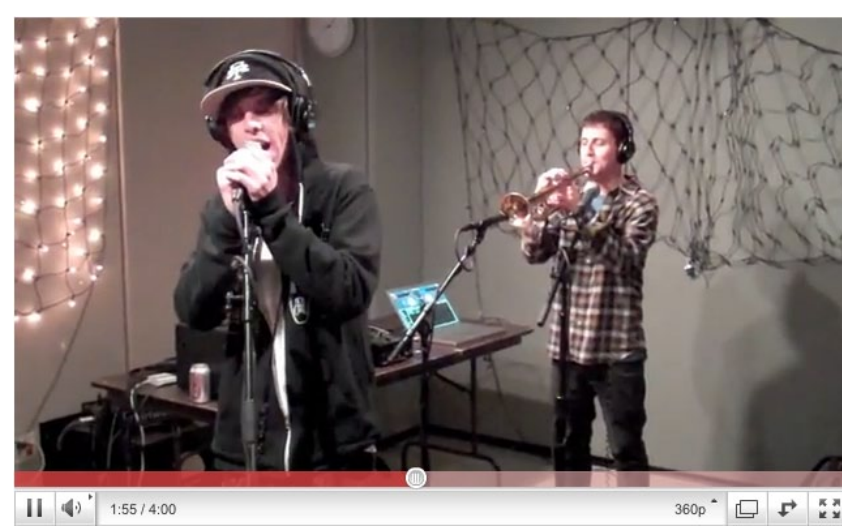


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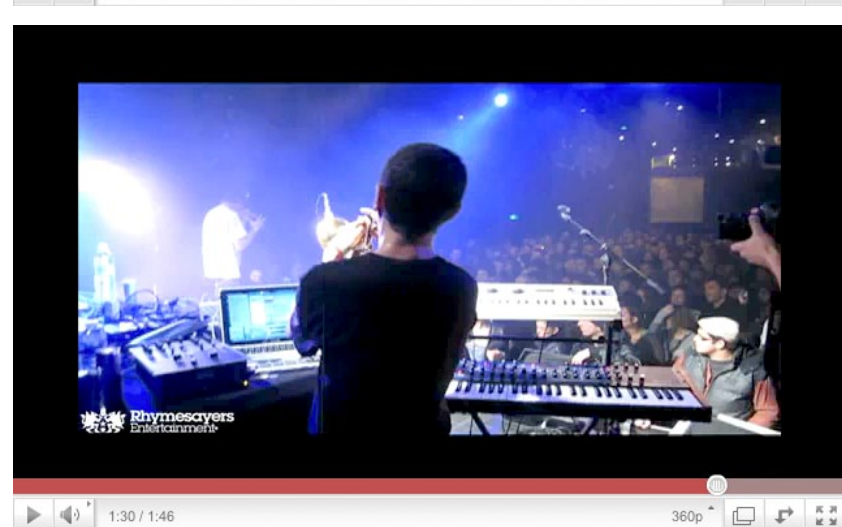
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A Hip Hop Pahhty: Grieves, Kenan Bell, People Under The Stairs

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Then came Brooklyn-via-Seattle rapper [Grieves](#) and his DJ / instrumentalist Budo. Sometimes you watch someone and you just know... Grieves was a revelation. He bobbed and weaved around the stage with authority, and his lyrics were precise, fluid, and effortless; it was like watching a skilled boxer carve up an opponent. I'm telling you, this kid could walk on stage, cue a beat, and gun it for days. And we'd be remiss if we didn't mention his swiss-army sidekick, Budo, who played keys, guitar, trumpet, doubled vocals, and manned the decks.

In the [Breaking News](#) department, Grieves just announced that he's the newest [Rhymesayers](#) signee, home to the likes of Blueprint, Atmosphere, and Brother Ali, so this isn't the last or least you'll hear of this rising star.

Grieves at SOUNDSET 09

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Last Night: P.O.S., Grieves + Budo, Dessa of Doomtree at Bottom of the Hill

By [Chelsea Green](#), Fri., Feb. 19 2010 @ 10:01AM Comments (1)

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P.O.S., Grieves + Budo, Dessa of Doomtree
 Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010
 Bottom of the Hill

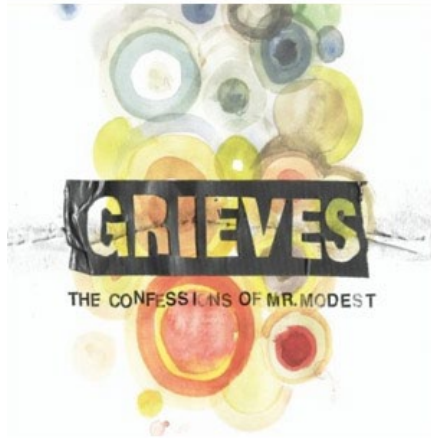


It wasn't long after that when the newest edition to the Rhymesayers label, Grieves + Budo took charge, opening an energetic set with live horns and turntables. Fans made it evident that they were ready for the pair, singing along to every word of "I Ate Your Soul," a more melodic piece than the rest of the setlist. Before the duo said their goodbyes, they had everyone's arms in the air, and the crowd chanting "I get down."



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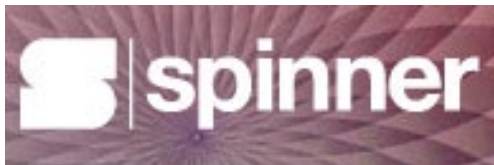
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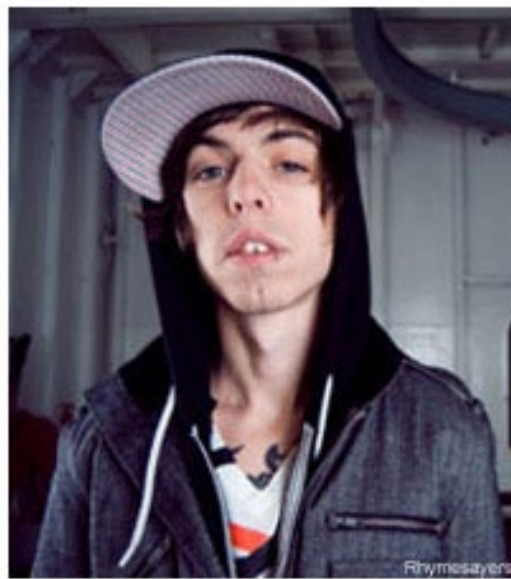
Grieves The Confessions Of Mr. Modest

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Grieves and Budo, 'Cloud Man' -- Video Premiere

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Like a kid's art project come to life, the new video from NYC-based hip-hop artist [Grieves](#) features paper cutouts traveling across the frame via stop-motion animation. The visually inventive clip for 'Cloud Man,' a track he produced collaboratively with Seattle multi-instrumentalist Budo, was actually the brainchild of artist Jesse Brown.

"We wanted to do something different for the video," Grieves tells Spinner, "So we talked to Jesse Brown who had done the art for the [Fleet Foxes](#)' 'Mykonos' video, and he came up with the concept." The emcee also

acknowledged that his unique animated clip varies greatly from standard rap video fare. "It's a different kind of video for a hip-hop artist, which is cool to us because the song is so different from what you would expect on a rap album," he says.

Have a look at the exclusive video premiere after the jump.

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IN THE MIDDLE WE STAY CALM, WE JUST DROP BOMBS

Grieves – Smile For the Blade

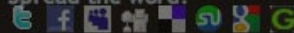


Earlier this week **Rhymesayers** announced their latest signee, New York City (based) emcee Grieves. On March 2nd he will be re-issuing his latest album *88-Keys & Counting* as well as a brand new album later this year. Teaming up with **Fifth Element**, they are offering *The Confessions of Mr. Modest EP* as a bonus for those that **pre-order**. The very EP that this specific track will be featured on.



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GRIEVES SPITS "SHARK WEEK" FOR DJBOOTH.NET FREESTYLE SERIES

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by richard on May 04, 2010



New York, N.Y. – **Grieves**, the Brooklyn native who earned reader approval for EP inclusion "**Smile for the Blade**" back in February, has stepped into the Booth to bring us the 165th entry in our **DJBooth.net Freestyle Series**. On his brand new, exclusive "**Shark Week**" freestyle, the up-and-comer flows over original boardwork by **Budo**.

Readers can download a copy of *In the Booth (Volume 4)*, featuring exclusive freestyles 91 through 120, [here!](#) Volumes one, two and three are available for download [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Watch for **Volume 5** to hit our front page in late May.

TOUR HISTORY

DATE	CITY	STATE	SITUATION
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2007

09/15	Duluth	MN	w/ Atmosphere
09/17	Grand Rapids	MI	w/ Atmosphere
09/18	Milvale	PA	w/ Atmosphere
09/19	Baltimore	MD	w/ Atmosphere
09/21	Providence	RI	w/ Atmosphere
09/22	New Haven	CT	w/ Atmosphere
09/23	Carborro	NC	w/ Atmosphere
09/24	Athens	GA	w/ Atmosphere
09/26	New Orleans	LA	w/ Atmosphere
09/27	Dallas	TX	w/ Atmosphere
09/28	Lubbock	TX	w/ Atmosphere
09/29	Dallas	TX	w/ Atmosphere
10/01	Flgastaff	AZ	w/ Atmosphere
10/02	Los Angeles	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/03	Solana Beach	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/04	San Luis Obispo	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/05	Bakersfield	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/06	Santa Cruz	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/08	Bend	OR	w/ Atmosphere
10/09	Bellingham	WA	w/ Atmosphere
10/10	Boise	ID	w/ Atmosphere
10/11	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ Atmosphere
10/12	Denver	CO	w/ Atmosphere
10/13	Aspen	CO	w/ Atmosphere
10/14	Lincoln	NE	w/ Atmosphere
10/15	Milwaukee	WI	w/ Atmosphere
10/16	Madison	WI	w/ Atmosphere
10/17	Fargo	ND	w/ Atmosphere
10/21	Urbana	IL	w/ Atmosphere
10/22	Chicago	IL	w/ Atmosphere
10/23	Menomonie	WI	w/ Atmosphere
10/24	Columbia	MO	w/ Atmosphere
10/25	Lawrence	KS	w/ Atmosphere
10/28	Tucson	AZ	w/ Atmosphere
10/30	Austin	TX	w/ Atmosphere
11/01	Oklahoma City	OK	w/ Atmosphere
11/02	Iowa City	IA	w/ Atmosphere
11/09	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Atmosphere
11/10	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Atmosphere

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2009

04/19	Bellingham	WA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/20	Seattle	WA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/21	Portland	OR	w/ Mr. Lif
04/23	Eureka	CA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/24	San Francisco	CA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/26	Echo Park	CA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/27	San Diego	CA	w/ Mr. Lif
04/28	Tucson	AZ	w/ Mr. Lif
04/29	Scottsdale	AZ	w/ Mr. Lif
04/30	Flagstaff	AZ	w/ Mr. Lif
05/01	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ Mr. Lif
05/02	Denver	CO	w/ Mr. Lif
05/03	Breckenridge	CO	w/ Mr. Lif
05/08	Albuquerque	NM	Headline
05/10	Lincoln	NE	Headline
05/11	Sioux Falls	SD	Headline
05/12	Fargo	ND	Headline
05/13	Iowa City	IA	Headline
05/15	Urbana	IL	Headline
05/16	Lansing	MI	Headline
05/17	Buffalo	NY	Headline
05/18	Philadelphia	PA	w/ Mr. Lif
05/19	New York	NY	Headline
05/20	Baltimore	MD	w/ Mr. Lif
05/21	Chapel Hill	NC	w/ Mr. Lif
05/22	Mt Pleasant	SC	w/ Mr. Lif
05/23	Atlanta	GA	w/ Mr. Lif
05/24	Shakopee	MN	Soundset Festival
05/25	Jacksonville	FL	w/ Mr. Lif
05/26	Orlando	FL	w/ Mr. Lif
05/27	Gainesville	FL	w/ Mr. Lif
05/29	Baton Rouge	LA	w/ Mr. Lif
05/30	Houston	TX	w/ Mr. Lif
05/31	San Antonio	TX	w/ Mr. Lif
06/01	Dallas	TX	w/ Mr. Lif
06/02	Austin	TX	w/ Mr. Lif
06/05	Omaha	NE	w/ Mr. Lif
06/06	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Mr. Lif
06/07	Des Moines	IA	w/ Mr. Lif
06/08	Madison	WI	w/ Mr. Lif
06/09	Chicago	IL	w/ Mr. Lif
06/10	Detroit	MI	w/ Mr. Lif
06/11	Cleveland	OH	w/ Mr. Lif
06/12	Columbus	OH	w/ Mr. Lif
07/08	Mankato	MN	Headline
07/10	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Unknown Prophets
07/19	New York	NY	Headline
07/23	San Diego	CA	Headline
07/24	Hollywood	CA	Headline

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2009

9/22	Brooklyn	NY	w/People Under the Stairs
11/10	Atlanta	GA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/12	Orlando	FL	w/ CunninLynguists
11/14	New Orleans	LA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/15	Dallas	TX	w/ CunninLynguists
11/16	Austin	TX	w/ CunninLynguists
11/18	Scottsdale	AZ	w/ CunninLynguists
11/20	West Hollywood	CA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/21	Berkeley	CA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/22	Eugene	OR	w/ CunninLynguists
11/23	Bellingham	WA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/24	Portland	OR	w/ CunninLynguists
11/25	Seattle	WA	w/ CunninLynguists
11/27	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ CunninLynguists
11/28	Denver	CO	w/ CunninLynguists
11/29	Steamboat Springs	CO	w/ CunninLynguists
11/30	Ft. Collins	CO	w/ CunninLynguists
12/01	Boulder	CO	w/ CunninLynguists
12/03	Minneapolis	MN	w/ CunninLynguists
12/04	Madison	WI	w/ CunninLynguists
12/05	Chicago	IL	w/ CunninLynguists
12/06	Gambier	OH	w/ CunninLynguists
12/08	Rochester	NY	w/ CunninLynguists
12/09	So. Burlington	VT	w/ CunninLynguists
12/10	Boston	MA	w/ CunninLynguists
12/11	New York	NY	w/ CunninLynguists

2010

01/21	Cambridge	MA	w/ People Under the Stairs
01/22	Providence	RI	w/ People Under the Stairs
01/23	New York	NY	w/ People Under the Stairs
01/24	Washington	DC	w/ People Under the Stairs
01/26	Columbia	MO	Headline
02/04	Colorado Springs	CO	w/ P.O.S.
02/05	Denver	CO	w/ P.O.S.
02/06	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ P.O.S.
02/07	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ P.O.S.
02/08	Boise	ID	w/ P.O.S.
02/09	Missoula	MT	w/ P.O.S.
02/11	Vancouver	BC	w/ P.O.S.
02/12	Seattle	WA	w/ P.O.S.
02/13	Portland	OR	w/ P.O.S.
02/14	Eugene	OR	w/ P.O.S.
02/16	Reno	NV	w/ P.O.S.
02/18	San Francisco	CA	w/ P.O.S.
02/19	West Hollywood	CA	w/ P.O.S.
02/20	San Diego	CA	w/ P.O.S.
02/21	Pomona	CA	w/ P.O.S.

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2010

02/22	Scottsdale	AZ	w/ P.O.S.
02/23	Tucson	AZ	w/ P.O.S.
02/24	Albuquerque	NM	w/ P.O.S.
02/25	Flagstaff	AZ	Headline
02/27	Park City	UT	Headline
03/02	Copenhagen, Denmark		w/ Brother Ali
03/03	Lund, Sweden		w/ Brother Ali
03/04	Gothenburg, Sweden		w/ Brother Ali
03/05	Oslo, Norway		w/ Brother Ali
03/09	Lille, France		w/ Brother Ali
03/11	Strasbourg, France		w/ Brother Ali
03/13	Orleans, France		w/ Brother Ali
03/14	Paris, France		w/ Brother Ali
04/15	Brooklyn	NY	w/ Brother Ali
05/02	East Rutherford	NJ	Bamboozle Festival
05/30	Shakopee	MN	Soundset Festival
08/19	Denver	CO	Headline
08/26	Malmo, Sweeden		Malmo Festival
09/08	Madison	WI	w/ Atmosphere
09/11	Covington	KY	w/ Atmosphere
09/12	Grand Rapids	MI	w/ Atmosphere
09/15	Bozeman	MT	w/ Atmosphere
09/16	Missoula	MT	w/ Atmosphere
09/17	Missoula	MT	w/ Atmosphere
09/18	Spokane	WA	w/ Atmosphere
09/20	Boise	ID	w/ Atmosphere
09/21	Bend	OR	w/ Atmosphere
09/22	Eugene	OR	w/ Atmosphere
09/24	Chico	CA	w/ Atmosphere
09/25	Reno	NV	w/ Atmosphere
09/27	Arcata	CA	w/ Atmosphere
09/28	Sacramento	CA	w/ Atmosphere
09/29	Santa Cruz	CA	w/ Atmosphere
10/01	Las Vegas	NV	w/ Atmosphere
10/02	Salt Lake City	UT	w/ Atmosphere
10/04	Rapid City	SD	w/ Atmosphere
10/05	Sioux Falls	SD	w/ Atmosphere
10/06	Des Moines	IA	w/ Atmosphere
10/07	Chicago	IL	w/ Atmosphere
10/08	Minneapolis	MN	Headline
10/09	Mankato	MN	Headline
10/10	Fargo	ND	Headline
10/11	Billings	MT	Headline
10/15	Seattle	WA	Headline
10/16	Bellingham	WA	Headline
10/21	Eugene	OR	w/ Blue Scholars
10/23	Portland	OR	w/ Blue Scholars
11/27	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Atmosphere
11/28	Minneapolis	MN	w/ Atmosphere

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2011

02/24	Olympia	WA	w/ Macklemore
02/25	Seattle	WA	w/ Macklemore
02/26	Vancouver	BC	w/ Macklemore
03/16	Austin	TX	SXSW
03/18	Austin	TX	SXSW
03/20	Austin	TX	SXSW
04/02	San Bernardino	CA	Paid Dues
04/20	Columbus	OH	w/ Atmosphere
04/21	Munhall	PA	w/ Atmosphere
04/22	Burlington	VT	w/ Atmosphere
04/23	Boston	MA	w/ Atmosphere
04/24	Philadelphia	PA	w/ Atmosphere
04/26	New York	NY	w/ Atmosphere
04/27	Washington	DC	w/ Atmosphere
04/28	Richmond	VA	w/ Atmosphere
04/29	Ashville	NC	w/ Atmosphere
04/30	Birmingham	AL	w/ Atmosphere
05/02	Austin	TX	w/ Atmosphere
05/04	Tucson	AZ	w/ Atmosphere
05/05	Pomona	CA	w/ Atmosphere
05/06	San Diego	CA	w/ Atmosphere
05/07	Berkeley	CA	w/ Atmosphere
05/09	Portland	OR	w/ Atmosphere
05/10	Vancouver	BC	w/ Atmosphere
05/12	Calgary	AB	w/ Atmosphere
05/13	Edmonton	AB	w/ Atmosphere
05/14	Saskatoon	SK	w/ Atmosphere
05/17	Boulder	CO	w/ Atmosphere
06/24	Dallas	TX	Warped Tour
06/25	Houston	TX	Warped Tour
06/26	San Antonio	TX	Warped Tour
06/29	Las Cruces	NM	Warped Tour
06/30	Las Vegas	NV	Warped Tour
07/01	Pomona	CA	Warped Tour
07/06	Bonner Springs	KS	Warped Tour
07/07	Noblesville	IN	Warped Tour
07/08	Detroit	MI	Warped Tour
07/09	Tinley Park	IL	Warped Tour
07/10	Shakopee	MN	Warped Tour
07/12	Darien Center	NY	Warped Tour
07/13	Mansfield	MA	Warped Tour
07/14	Scranton	PA	Warped Tour
07/15	Mississauga	ON	Warped Tour
07/16	Montreal	QC	Warped Tour
07/17	Hartford	CT	Warped Tour
07/19	Milwaukee	WI	Warped Tour

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2011

07/20	Cleveland	OH	Warped Tour
07/21	Camden	NJ	Warped Tour
07/22	Burgettstown	PA	Warped Tour
07/23	Uniondale	NY	Warped Tour
07/24	Oceanport	NJ	Warped Tour
07/26	Columbia	MD	Warped Tour
07/27	Virginia Beach	VA	Warped Tour
07/28	Charlotte	NC	Warped Tour
07/29	Orlando	FL	Warped Tour
07/30	West Palm Beach	FL	Warped Tour
07/31	St. Petersburg	FL	Warped Tour
08/01	Atlanta	GA	Warped Tour
08/02	Cincinnati	OH	Warped Tour
08/03	St. Louis	MO	Warped Tour
08/05	Denver	CO	Warped Tour
08/06	Salt Lake City	UT	Warped Tour
08/07	Phoenix	AZ	Warped Tour
08/09	San Diego	CA	Warped Tour
08/10	TBA Los Angeles	CA	Warped Tour
08/11	Marysville	CA	Warped Tour
08/12	Nampa	ID	Warped Tour
08/13	George	WA	Warped Tour
08/14	Hillsboro	OR	Warped Tour