



THE DEAD SCIENCE BIOGRAPHY 2008

The Sweet Science – singer/guitarist **Sam Mickens** and brothers **Jherek Bischoff** (bass) and **Korum Bischoff** (drums) – formed in mid 2000 and self-released the CD-R album *Galactose* that same year.

Forced to change their name in 2003 by a pre-existing "Sweet Science" band, The Dead Science was born, signed to Berkeley-based indie Absolutely Kosher, and released their proper debut, *Submariner*. During this period Sam and Jherek served as both recording and touring members of Xiu Xiu and members of the Butoh-based performance ensemble/punk-jazz orchestra Degenerate Art Ensemble.

The self-recorded EP *Bird Bones in the Bughouse* followed in 2004, and included the band's lauded leftfield cover of Terence Trent D'arby's "Sign Your Name." In late 2004, drummer Korum was replaced by **Nick Tamburro**, and the following year the band released their second full-length, *Frost Giant*, recorded at the venerable Bear Creek Studios with producer Ryan Hadlock (Blonde Redhead, Black Heart Procession, Afghan Whigs). The band's touring schedule increased dramatically and in the years since they have toured the US and Europe extensively alongside bands including The Blood Brothers, Xiu Xiu, Celebration, Casiotone for the Painfully Alone, and Carla Bozulich's Evangelista.

In 2006 they released the more experimental and subdued EP *Crepuscle with the Dead Science* on Portland-based imprint Slender Means Society, which included two outtakes from the sessions for *Frost Giant*. A great deal more touring followed, along with a string of small, vinyl-only releases.

The band is now set to release their strongest work to date, the new album entitled *Villainaire*, on Montréal-based imprint Constellation. They will tour tirelessly in North America and Europe from May through October 2008, with the album set for release in early September.

The Dead Science Complete Discography

Albums

2000 *Galactose* (self-released full-length CD as The Sweet Science)

2003 *Submariner* (Absolutely Kosher CD, Woodson Lateral LP)

2005 *Frost Giant* (Absolutely Kosher CD, later Marriage LP)

EPs

2004 *Bird Bones in the Bughouse* (Absolutely Kosher CD)

2006 *Crepuscle with The Dead Science* (Slender Means Society CD)

Singles

2005 “The Human Horn” (From 7” split with Xiu Xiu on Deathbomb Arc)

2006 “Pinky Ring” (From 7” split with Sholi, on KDVS Recordings)

2007 “On Your Shore” (From 7” split with Parenthetical Girls, on Silencio Recordings)

2007 “One Final Round” b/w “Adrian Descant” (Picture Disc collaboration with photographer David Horvitz still pending release on Pink Teeth Records)

2008 “Make Mine Marvel (Remix)” b/w “White Mane” (Letter “V” in the Tomlab Alphabet Singles Series)

Compilation Appearances

2002 “Artificial Reef Association” (as The Sweet Science, appeared on the Woodson Lateral Records compilation *Mass Transit*)

2005 “Hiroshima Love Song” (appeared on the *Yeti #3* CD)

2007 “Adrian Descant” (appeared on the Don’t Stop Believin’ Records compilation *Ponies In A Stable*)

2007 “I Want You (Blaster Mix)” (appeared on the Marriage Records compilation *The Second Marriage Records Compilation*)

2007 “Once I Found A Diamond” (appeared on the Tomlab compilation *Worried Noodles*)