



# MY RUIN

**Frontwoman Tairrie B of My Ruin talks to Alternative London's Secretia on the eve of their UK tour.**

**M**y Ruin have a unique sound that Tairrie herself describes as "pure rock 'n' roll metal with spoken word screaming...oh...and loud...very fuckin' loud!" With the release of the much anticipated studio album, *The Horror of Beauty*, earlier this year, they are now taking to the stage for a tour of Britain. So what can fans expect from the upcoming London show? "A whole lotta rock, ruin and love,

baby - we cannot wait!" "London is one of our favourite places to visit and play live!" says Tairrie. "It has a special place in our hearts and is always one of the highlights of our UK tour. In fact, the UK is our home away from home where we always feel welcome by our friends and fans, and we give the critics who hate us something to look forward to." She laughs. "It's the best!" I asked Tairrie about what

inspires My Ruin in the writing process. "The music is heavily influenced by old school 70s guitar rock with some 80s thrash and metal thrown in for good measure. Lyrically I am inspired by my everyday life and those I come in contact with; both bad and good." So what about the new album? Anything in particular that you felt you had to write about to get your message across? "The current album focuses on topics that have to

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do with the music industry," she starts. "Beauty, industry, religion, the media, relationships and self love. I think *The Horror of Beauty* is a very inspirational album, not a full-on hateful or vengeful record." She pauses. "It goes far deeper than that, but sometimes people don't want to dig deeper. They would rather judge the book by the cover, which I have come to expect with a few rock journalists who still believe My Ruin is a fluke and I should hang it up."

So, what does it feel like, or how do you cope with being female in the male-dominated heavy metal/thrash scene? "It feels just fine", she replies. "I have been doing what I do for many years now, so I don't really look at it in such a black and white way anymore. I just do what I do and those who get it, get it - and those who don't, don't."

Thanks for that, Tairrie. As a final question - we're heading into the season for it, who would you like to do a cheesy Christmas duet with? "I would love to do a holiday duet with Nick Cave. We could do a frighteningly scary version of Let it Snow and it would definitely not be cheesy!" she laughs.

**My Ruin are playing London on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Mean Fiddler for this year's K-Fest.**  
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