

# T H E H O L Y F I R E

Sean Hoen, Nick Marko, and Nathan Miller of the yet-to-be-formed band, **The Holy Fire**, were all separately seeking solace from the uninspired, slowly dying-off garage rock scene of Detroit in 2004. Spending years contemplating The Pixies and Hüsker Dü in late night Detroit dive bars, Nick and Sean found a sort of telepathic artistic connection in Nathan Miller, who also played with Sean in the fiery and insane Thoughts of Ionesco. **The Holy Fire** shouldered an intuitive, natural progression before the band even had a name.

Spinning off from previous artistic ventures, **The Holy Fire** finally realized their collective conviction to create something vital, with the creation of a stellar EP in 2004. Recorded in Toronto, the songs were originally released as a self-titled EP (2004/Down Peninsula Audio) that included the plodding and punchy "Lift Off Message" and five other gritty blasts of Afghan Whigs-meets-the Replacements-meets-My Bloody Valentine-influenced noise. Down Peninsula Audio reissued the EP with new artwork on May 10, 2005.

In 2006, **The Holy Fire** joined The Militia Group roster, with future plans to add a full-length to their catalogue of recordings-- which now consists of two rousing EP's. **The Holy Fire**'s latest, and overwhelmingly unopposed EP *In the Name of the World* will be nationally released on

February 21<sup>st</sup> via The Militia Group. *In the Name of the World* was produced by Flaming Lips bassist Michael Ivins.

Front man Sean Hoen describes the band's chemistry by saying, "Nick gives everything a primal, very physical sort of passion. He plays hard even when he is sitting back and also has a really good sense of creating things out of improvisations; he's a very emotional drummer. I think I bring the imagery and hooks and structural bases of the songs as well as a taste of paranoia. Nathan is kind of the sonic and emotional glue." **The Holy Fire** have recently toured with The Constantines, and have also played with fellow enigmatic indie rockers Mclusky and TV On The Radio.

**The Holy Fire** is: Sean Hoen (vocals, guitar), Nick Marko (drums), Nathan Miller (bass)

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