



boys life

lister  
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Synergy Records

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dave-drums  
john-bass  
joe-guitar  
brandon-guitar,vocals

recorded and mixed  
june 12 and 13  
by e.j. rose  
red house in lawrence  
kansas.

live photo-nora frankel

thank you kate, ben, nora, e.j.,  
brad, danny, dan, nathan,  
brooks, matt, mike, jim, and the kansas city bands, and all our friends.  
thank you

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# Synergy



# Records

My name is Ben Graham. My friend Kate David and I started this record label for a few reasons. We felt this music needed to be released. We felt like giving back to a community that had unselfishly given us so much inspiration and spirituality. It is a record label dedicated to the principles of change through music and ideas, change from a world where people are treated as stereotypes into a world where we are all treated as individuals. As a vehicle for change, music strikes at an indescribable level. For those who have felt it, it is impossible to explain. This is why we do what we do.

Now to explain what we do, I will relate the story of our first seven-inch. It is by a band called boys life and they are from Kansas City, Mo. I met them when the band I am in played a show in K.C. with sideshow at the now (sadly) defunct Rhumba Box. They were playing their first show. I didn't find that out until later, I thought they had been together quite a bit longer. After that, the guitarist, Joe Winkle, extended the band I am in every kindness. Since Columbia is only 2 hours away from K.C., Joe made sure we had shows up there as often as possible. We grew as friends and in appreciation of each others music. Some 6 or 8 months later, Kate and I got our stuff together enough to do something that might matter. We started a label. For some incredible reason, boys life had not yet released anything. they were the second call I made. They had scheduled to put out a split seven- inch with a band called secular theme, also from K.C.. They agreed to put out the next release with synergy. Kate and I were very pleased. So after the initial idea was agreed upon, Kate and I began the process of starting a small business.

This is where it became evident that this was a labor of love and something we knew we had to really be serious about. We made our first mistake by trying to register with the local and state government. My advice to anyone thinking of starting a business is to skip this step. The local level said we couldn't register there until we had done the state registration. We already knew that we couldn't start a bank account in a businesses name with out city registration, so we kind of made that bank account an end of the road type of goal. Columbia is situated about 30 miles north of the state capitol in Jefferson City, so we decided it would be quicker for us to drive there then wait the expected 8-10 weeks for registration by mail. So off we innocently went, thinking that the state would provide the expediency of Mercury on behalf of the small business proprietor. It did not. We were told about seven different things we needed to have before we could proceed. To shorten a very long story, we made 6 useless trips to Jeff City before we made the one successful one. We really should have just given up. Now we have to deal with taxes and all kinds of bureaucracy. If anyone would like the details of how to register with the state, I will send you the log of activity Kate and I have compiled from our misfortune. It is in very humorous story form.

To tell just a bit more about this seven-inch; it took about way too long to process (master, press, etc.). It should have been out 5 months ago. Sorry. We really wanted things to go smoothly. You always hear these stories about how everything goes wrong the first time around. I didn't want that to be me. Unfortunately, it was inescapable. We labeled the wrong side, so side A had the label for side B. The covers were printed wrong so that they folded from the top. We realized that we might as well have had the text printed on the covers along with the pictures because it wouldn't have cost any more. That I didn't mind, we did learn how to screen print small stuff, and we really enjoyed doing it. Then in an attempt to make them look more together, we had stickers printed to stick on all five hundred so that they would show the correct song on the correct side. This was a nightmare. The local printer couldn't cut them round, so we started hand cutting all five hundred. This lasted until we figured out that we really only needed to cover the name. Then we started cutting only the name. After affixing about 130 labels with the new name stickers, we decided to hand that over to the discretion of the buyer. So if you received a seven-inch already stickered, then you know either Kate or I actually put it on. If your stickers are merely included, you have the option of being anal enough to correct a printing error, or stick them on your siblings. Any other misuse would be alright, too.

So thank you for forwarding our struggle. Thank you for supporting boys life, punk rock, subversiveness, revolution, emotion in an uncaring world, synergy, real alternatives to screwing people over. Thank you.

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# Available:

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# Soon:

The northerns; from Columbia, MO, non-traditional acoustic

**The New Speedway Kings;** from St. Louis. revved up 77-  
ish punk rock

The Meatsisters; also from St. Louis. Oldschool punk and reg-gae  
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# For distribution:

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## RECORDS:

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all seven inches are 2.50 ppd. make checks to Kate David. thank you again. Ben and Kate.

You should know that Faye records has a lot of great bands from Missouri. Included are the incredible Starkweathers, a band that plays roots country with enormously political lyrics. "Burn the Flag" and "Greektown's in Flames" will stay in your head for weeks.



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