



One On One with Ganglion Vocal/Guitarist: ONI

Babel Entertainment caught up with Oni, vocalist and guitarist of one of today's leading all female rock groups **Ganglion** at Shibuya DESEO.

BE: You recently played a large event in Nagoya focusing on all female rock bands and female fronted bands. How do you feel about the Japanese rock boom gearing more towards many female bands or female fronted bands?

Oni: *Before it was very rare for female bands. But lately, of course it has been increasing. I feel the band Kara was a big changing point.*

BE: Since Ganglion has actually been around for a couple years, do you feel that the recent boom is taking away or over shadowing that which you worked hard these last couple years for, or do you feel all these female fronted or all female rock bands help you and your band?

Oni: *Personally I really don't think of us as a "women's" group. Of course we are, however it is not what we are focused on. We are more focused on the overall image and style of the band itself. If it empowers women, we are very happy about that, but our style is not influenced by being a female band.*

BE: Like you just said, style is important for the band. You are also a model and have been in magazines such as KERA. How do you incorporate fashion and style to the band?

Oni: *I was lucky enough to have my favorite brands sponsor us such as the Lolita fashion brand "Baby, The Stars Shine Bright", & my new costume is from "ALICE and the PIRATES".*

BE: Who is the main composer for the songs of GANGLION?

Oni: *Mostly myself, and our guitarist Sagara. Usually we will lay down the foundation of the song, then bring it to the rest of the band to help arrange and finish it up.*

BE: Who were your influences?

Oni: *Nine Inch Nails from the U.S. and from Japan Hamasaki Ayumi (laughs).*

BE: How do you feel the band has grown since the first mini album to now?

Oni: *First of all, all of us have never been in a band before this. So our first album we did everything by the seat of our pants. It was like an amazing adventure. Since then we've learned a lot and produced more albums. Also I feel our sound is getting much more refined with our last full album "World" as well as our new single "Rising".*

BE: Where do you see yourself in the near future?

Oni: *We want to continue being a great band, regardless of being women. Ignore the genre and scene, but just continue doing what we do because we enjoy it.*

BE: Where is your favorite place to perform, and what venue would you like to perform at that you have not yet?

Oni: *Next Year in February we will have a one-man at Shibuya REX, and that is where I really like to play.*

BE: What's the craziest or funniest incident that has happened at one of your live shows, whether from a fan or band member?

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Oni: *Actually nothing really weird happens at our live shows, but behind the scenes what nobody sees a lot happens. For example our bass player Yui loves bad smelling food. So backstage or at rehearsal, here we are this all girls band in a small rehearsal room with no circulation, smelling so bad and people thinking we are a bunch of dirty dudes (laughs).*

BE: *I'll be sure if we book you, to make sure there is plenty of A/C when rehearsing. What's one thing that you can share about yourself that people may not know?*

Oni: *2 things, I'm very shy when meeting new people. It may not seem it, but I'm very shy. I don't talk a lot on stage also. I talk to the other members, and they talk a lot, but I don't. Also, Japanese Kanji writing has lots of different meanings and I actually mess them up a lot. So when reading, I'll misinterpret it and people point it out all the time.*

BE: *Can you give a last message to your English speaking fans?*

Oni: *I really want to perform in the United States. I model as well, and I'd love to also spread fashion from Japan as well. Hopefully I can do so soon.*

Shion: *GANGLION latest release “Rising” is now available in stores through out Japan and for those outside of Japan you can visit online retailers such as CD Japan. You can hear the latest and more from GANGLION on JSHOXX Radio at www.babelentertainment.com*

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First Full Album:
World



First Mini Album:
Returns to you



GANGLION 2nd MINI ALBUM [RISING]
2013.11.09 全国発売開始

[Type-A] (CD + DVD)
GLN-005 2,415円(税込)
全5曲収録
DVD ([RISE] PV / 裏PV)
1. RISE
2. Beyond the screen
3. loser
4. WONDERLAND
5. tonight

[Type-B] (CD)
GLN-006 1,890円(税込)
全6曲収録
1. RISE
2. Beyond the screen
3. loser
4. WONDERLAND
5. tonight
6. falcon