

Tiezzi Interview ft. Band *Lying to Myself* by Andrew Neil

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We are an Indie Band located in Richmond, Virginia. Our music crosses many different genres with a punk edge, though we aren't actually a punk band; our songs range from hard rock, grunge, some reggae, soft rock. At any given song, the sounds are a burst of these genre blends. Everything is about serving the song!

Our involvement in, *Lying to Myself*, was fairly simple. Andrew and I met personally and with me writing some simple guitar hooks to add to the song. All of the electric guitar tracks are mine. Band members Justin added bass with Timmy adding drums. The song is Andrew Neil's creation, we just added to it.

Andrew is a super laid-back guy; very easy going. All he cares about is the music. He doesn't worry about marketing or PR and just lets the label take care of that. This is perfect because he can just focus on writing songs. Andrew is a song factory because of what songs are to him, writing music therapy and a way to reflect on himself. This leads to a very open and honest lyrical style, which people connect with.

Andrew has no musical knowledge but goes by ear. I have seen him use complicated Jazz chords and he had no idea what they were. He just figured them out by improvising on guitar. This is part of what I think makes Andrew so special.