



Rock 'n' roll, catchy melodies, raw primal energy and 24/7 party vibe. The compelling feeling to tap your feet turning into an uncontrollable urge to jump up and down and party all night long. Witnessing

the drummer of a Norwegian death metal band start digging rock 'n' roll again. You are getting very close to the essence of 51/50s. As the band's motto goes: "sanity is vanity".

In late 2000, Rikki Lee is writing new songs and comes up with the idea to get some life-experience and inspiration for the new songs by living on the streets of London for a while, willingly. A couple of nights turn into a couple of months, the streets of London become very familiar, and a handful of new songs are born. "Sometimes you just have to be insane enough to stay sane." Rikki describes the experience.

Rikki returns to his "normal" life, six years pass and in early 2007 he starts 51/50s with Billy Baker, Jason Gale and Ollie Cook. The foursome finds quickly their common vibe and finishes Rikki's songs together, and so Dangerous State Of Mind is born.

It doesn't take long for the band to convince music industry professionals, critics and most importantly their fans. The band decides to go for an alternative path to finance the album and gives a chance to Slicethepie, a financing platform that enables artists to raise money directly from fans and investors. It is a success; the band collects over £15,000 in a very short time and starts recording the album.

The debut single Bring It On is released 2nd July 2007, reaches number 26 in the HMV download chart, receives a lot of regional radio airplay and is playlisted all over UK. The second single Lies is released on January 26th 2009, gets excellent reviews and radio airplay in The Netherlands and Poland.

Now, finally, the debut album Dangerous State Of Mind stands ready, but let it be known that it is not just an album full of straight-shooting rock 'n' roll and strong melodies. It is a statement; shouting out that rock 'n' roll is still very much alive and kicking. And it seems that people are getting the message.

Band members:

Rikki Lee – Vocals

Billy Baker – Drums

Ollie Cook – Guitar

Jason Gale - Bass