

THE CULTURE OF ME

Getting Sassy with...Doctor Rosen Rosen

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We here around THE CULTURE OF ME were once obsessed with all things relating to *Sassy* and *Dirt* magazines. And while those titles are long gone, the sentiment of how they covered the culture industries has indeed left its mark on writers and culture vultures everywhere. It is because of that influence that we are proud to present our features post, "Getting Sassy with...", wherein we bring you that much closer to your favorite bands by way of a simple Q&A session that's both painless and informative. Ha! Beat that, FOX News!

This time: [Doctor Rosen Rosen](#).



A short while ago, we started catching wind of this **Doctor Rosen Rosen** character (mainly from the man himself) talking up the fact that he'd undertaken a project that we'd never thought possible--and to be honest, all too necessary. He was remixing, no, re-interpreting the entire sophomore studio record from [Lily Allen](#), *It's Not Me, It's You*. The record, albeit great and a more mature take on the once-chav girl, was not going to end up on our top 10 list. It just wasn't. But we gave the Rosen Rosen record a shot, because we'd heard teasers and individual tracks that were brimming with promise. But what we ended up with was nothing like we expected: an unusually melancholy and dark, swirling, head-to-toe tilt in a

new direction while remaining mindful of the source material. Rosen Rosen has succeeded in an impressive feat: ending up assuredly in our top ten. We had to send our questionnaire his way to get inside his brain and see what he's all about--aside from tremendously creative processes.

Name?

Doctor Rosen Rosen.

Hometown?

Hailey, Idaho.

I now live in:

Los Angeles (more specifically in Silverlake).

Number of states visited?

I'm going to guess 20.

My favorite place in my hometown is:

A place called "Joint Point". I used to go there during high school with my friends almost daily. During the winter we would build a huge snowboard jump and spend hours fucking around.

Most recent phone bill total?

Just looked it up. \$273.46. That can't be right.

Items found in my day-to-day bag (if applicable)?

No bag for me.

First album bought on your own?

[Paula Abdul, *Forever Your Girl*](#).

Favorite song memorized as a child?

DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince "Summertime".

When I sing in the shower, it's usually:

I usually just freestyle rap in hopes of annoying my wife.

The one song that must be on every mixtape is:

[Ice Cube](#) "Today Was a Good Day". That song puts everyone in a good mood.



Last book read?

[Blink](#) by Malcolm Gladwell.

Favorite book ever?

[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Juster.

Favorite thing you bought this year?

Weber BBQ Grill! I have been BBQing probably 3 times a week... really perfecting the art of the shish kabob.

Instruments played (chronologically)?

Piano, guitar, synthesizers, drum machine, computer.

Least favorite day job before getting this gig?

I worked in a very upscale window treatment store in Manhattan selling window shades to uptight, rich Upper East Side arseholes.

Favorite record this year?

[The-Dream](#), *Love vs. Money*. The production is so rad and lyrically The-Dream is sorta funny. My favorite song on the record is "Fancy" which is a really weird r&b jam--sounds like R. Kelly + Prince on ecstasy.

Favorite record ever?

I got to go Prince, *Purple Rain*.

The one record I'd save from a house fire is:

Vinyl bootleg of Prince's "[Crucial](#)". Can you tell I like Prince yet?

Guilty pleasure record you don't want us to know about?

I own J. Lo's *J. Lo* record.

My favorite place to play on tour is:

I played [Iceland Airwaves](#) in 2006--hands down favorite tour stop ever. Really nice people that love to drink and dance.

If I wasn't doing music I would be:

Selling glass shower enclosures in Montana.

Last illegally downloaded song/album (be honest)?

Mr. Hudson "White Lies". Not sure if that really counts though, everyone is leaking stuff on purpose these days.

Latest TV addictions?

["The Wire"](#), "Top Chef Masters", "The Next Food Network Star".

Favorite music video this year?

Calvin Harris "I'm Not Alone".

Who is in your dream band (must be living musicians)?

Tricky, Jarvis Cocker, Bjork and Prince. That would be nuts.

The best concert I went to this year was:

[Beardo](#) at The Roxy. That dude can put on a show.

Recent song you can't get out of your head?

Well now it is J.Lo's "Love Don't Cost A Thing". Goddamnit. Thanks for bringing that up.

Press play on your iPod/media player and list the first three songs that come up.

Underworld: "Cups", "Push Upstairs", "Jumbo".

(mp3) [Lily Allen - I Can Say \(Doctor Rosen Rosen remix\)](#)

Godspeed!

