



THEIR HOMETOWN IS CHICAGO BUT
DOT DOT DOT CAN ROCK ANYWHERE!

By Helen Marktetti

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Adam, Rose, Lisa, Michael and Stephan are the five-piece band that makes up Dot Dot Dot. Rockin' in many clubs in

Chicago and surrounding areas, Dot Dot Dot hit national exposure in a big way with their appearance on the reality show, *The Next Great American Band* in 2007. They were one of the Top Five finalists. The time that has followed since then has been filled with music, touring, recording, writing and whatever else may have come their way.

"Since being on the show, it seems like we have been on the road and on the go the entire time," said Adam. "We hit the road hard and fast. We spent time to promote our first CD, which has sold 30,000 copies. We have been approached by a few record producers and while you do hear the horror stories of the industry from other musicians, we have been fortunate that things have kept growing and going."

The tour schedule has been full and busy. Opening for other artists such as Third Eye Blind and Candlebox, as well as their own independent gigs has kept Dot Dot Dot moving forward at a fast pace all over the country. Their gigs are widespread and gaining momentum with popularity and fan base. "It's a different era in music," said Adam. "People are taking charge of their own business." Their music is currently being played by over 180 college radio stations and charting on the College Music Journal Top 200.

"Dot 2 is the name of our next CD and I couldn't be more excited about it," said

Adam. "I am the primary song writer and as many times as I try to figure it all out it's different every time when I try to write something. Writing is a team effort but it is mostly me."

Adam finds inspiration for a song anywhere with what is going on at any given time. "A word or a moment can inspire me. We recorded a song called, *Around the World and Back*, which was inspired by a very pretty brunette. I am grinning when I tell you this...she would say to me, "I love you around the world and back." Their song, *Edge of the World* has a beautiful opener to get your attention. "I would say that is my favorite song of all the tracks at this point," said Adam. Then the rockin' tune of *Don't Move*. "Yeah, that one is a booty shaker!"

One of their signature songs is *Stay*, for which they now have two versions. "The first CD was done really fast and the reason for another version of *Stay* is because I hated the first one to be honest with you," said Adam. "I love the song and I wanted to do another version of it because we sing it so much."

He continues with how busy they have been. "In the last two years, we have toured, we have done gigs for private events at Wrigley Field and other corporate things. This is the best job." The band has also done vocals for a commercial to promote a party supply store, Party City. "The song was originally done for the Kentucky Derby!" said Adam. "So after some rewrites, boom...now it's there."

"We've also been to Guam which is where Rose's family lives. It was a 20-hour flight so it was special to see her family. We did this big show there and it was a life changing experience for all of us."

You can expect a diverse stage gig when you see Dot Dot Dot. "None of us are alike, so there is something for everyone," explains Adam. "Everyone has the opportunity to "front" also; to come to the front of the stage and sing. If you come to see the band, it is very apparent that we love what we do."

To wrap up the interview, Adam has some definite thoughts, "We are going to get our next record out there soon. We've also been talking about doing some animation for a video, so we'll see. I would like my own statue, too!" Dot Dot Dot is a fun group of rockers that you will want to check out and appreciate some great music.

For more information about Dot Dot Dot including their tour schedule, which includes Ohio gigs and sound clips of their music, please visit: www.dotdotdotonline.com and www.myspace.com/dotdotdotonline



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