

# **Drummers Always Get the Girls!**

By Tiffany Devon

Nowadays there is music to fit just about everyone's musical tastes, from classical to rock and everything in between. Popular among young adults is "Screamo", a type of music that is for people who like it loud, fast and screamed. That's right; it's defined as a musical genre with hardcore screaming vocals, harmonized guitars and fast-paced riffs.

"I love this kind of music," said 18-year old, drummer Kim Rosario. "This heavy music allows kids to get in the pit and get their anger out. It's for the kids in school who are getting picked on, they need a release and our music helps them."

Kim says "In school, I got teased all the time because of my disability. But I have a few friends who have stuck by me and they're like my brothers. Since I wasn't able to take formal drumming lessons, my friend Anthony taught me. I can't use my hands so I hold the sticks in my mouth and that's how I learned to play the drums! I've broken a few teeth but it doesn't stop me!"

Sure there will always be obstacles, but nothing stands in his way! What is so fascinating about Kim is his unbridled passion for life, music and of course, the ladies. "Chicks like drummers man!" His band's temporary name "Buried Where You Fall" currently play gigs around the Oakland County area. His leadership skills are about as unique as his personality, "We don't have just one leader of the band. We all have an equal say in what we play and what we do. It just works better this way."

When he's not pounding out the tunes, Kim has attended Oakland Community College and is interested in pursuing a degree in audio engineering. "I want to have my own recording studio someday so I can help other musicians create the kind of music that makes them happy."

Kim utilizes the tools of self-determination by working with an independent supports coordinator that helps him with the supports he needs and understanding how his individual budget works. He also has a fiscal intermediary that helps him handle his financial responsibilities.

Kim lives with his mom but wants to find a place of his own soon and live with a few friends that are currently working for him as staff. Kim is supported by Community Living Services-Oakland County.

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