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Home Blitz frontman Daniel DiMaggio has done the lion's share of his band's recording by himself for the last five years, playing drums, bass, and guitar and singing. He brings in bandmates to play live shows, but DiMaggio is starting to consider having people record with him from now on, too. For starters, he says he's not that great at drums. Also, he says, recording alone "makes me feel like a loser."

Loser or not, DiMaggio has released a CD on Gulcher Records, a 12" on Parts Unknown Records, and a new LP, 'Out of Phase,' released last month on Richie Records. Spinner spoke to him about [SXSW](#) and terrible [Beatles](#) songs.



Describe your sound.

It's kind of like power punk or pop, but it's also kind of weird. There will be noisy or abstract parts, but mostly it's pretty straightforward power pop.

How did your band form?

Originally, I recorded a couple of records myself, playing all of the instruments. And then I started getting people to play live shows with me, and it's gone through a couple of lineups. This current lineup has my friend Theresa on second guitar, my friend Jason on bass and my friend Henry on drums, and it's worked really well so

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What are your musical influences?

Game Theory, [Big Star](#) and weird punk music from the early 1980s, like the [Meat Puppets](#).

How did you come up with your band name?

'[Home Blitz](#)' is a TV show on the CMT channel. One time, I was watching the TV Guide channel, and I saw the name and thought it would be a great band name. I think it's a show that involves building houses for charity, maybe, but I'm not sure why it's on the Country Music Channel.

What's your biggest vice?

Candy and desserts.

Who was your first celebrity crush?

Punky Brewster.

What current pop culture trend makes you cringe?

I hate [Lil Wayne](#)'s influence on modern rap music, as seen for example in his Young Money proteges and especially in the rapper [Drake](#). I used to be obsessed with Lil Wayne and still love his earlier albums, but I think he's real bad now.

Beatles or [Stones](#)?

The Stones, definitely. The Rolling Stones have much better songs. The Beatles had a lot of bad songs.

What is the worst Beatles song?

'Tomorrow Never Knows.'

What's in your festival survival kit?

We're touring a little bit before and after, for a combined total of two days. Driving back and forth, playing shows on the way there and back, so definitely music to listen to in the car.

Speaking of car tunes, what is your musical guilty pleasure?

I guess I'd say [Ben Folds](#), but honestly, I'm not that embarrassed by anything I like listening to.

Jaime Netzer is a contributor from [Seed.com](#). Learn how you can contribute [here](#).

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