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Otep and One-Eyed Doll at Coliseum

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Power rock duo, One-Eyed Doll, will play with metal band Otep on Monday, Sept. 3, at Coliseum nightclub. One-Eyed Doll encompasses an array of rock sub-genres. (Photo courtesy of Jonny Flash)

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On Monday Sept. 3, metal four-piece Otep will play at Coliseum alongside power rock duo One-Eyed Doll and supporting acts Butcher Babies and Arcanium.

Hailing from Los Angeles, Otep formed in 2000, and is led by vocalist Otep Shamaya. While many of her band members have come and gone over the years, she was joined in 2010 by guitarist Ari Mihalopoulos, bassist Erik Tisinger and drummer Chase Brickenden. Otep is currently working on their first live album, due out in November. Their sixth full-length studio album is scheduled to be released in January.

Currently on tour with Otep is Austin-based One-Eyed Doll, which consists of guitarist and vocalist Kimberly Freeman, and

drummer Jason "Junior" Sewell.

"Our last three tours were a pop-rock tour, then a punk-rock tour, and now a metal tour," said Freeman. "We're just fun rock'n'roll. We don't take ourselves too seriously and we have fun. We get called a lot of things like metal or punk, depending on the mood and what we want to play."

One-Eyed Doll has recently released their fourth studio album Dirty. The album originally came out on vinyl, but is now also available on CD and digital download.

"It was recorded in California by Sylvia Massy up in the mountains in this little town in an old church that Sylvia converted into a studio," said Freeman. "This album is a lot darker than our other stuff. It's a really organic, natural experience, with classic rock influences. It's a very dark and serious and brooding ear candy."

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Sewell has been Freeman's producer in the studio since 2006, and in late 2009, while recording her album, *Break*, he started playing drums along with her and it was a perfect fit.

"Nobody knows my music better than he does," said Freeman. "He has been my longest-standing band member. He hasn't run for the hills yet."

Freeman says she enjoys every aspect of touring, such as meeting fans and seeing the country with her best friend and bandmate.

After being on tour with Otep for the past month, and playing fifty shows together so far, Freeman says she is inspired by the band's lead woman.

"I've watched all of it, and I never get tired of it," said Freeman. "I think it takes something special to do what she does. And all the guys in her band are awesome."

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