

Meet ...

## The Nuevos

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**What's the word?** Still going strong as the Suncoast's top indie rock band since the crazy millennium started, The Nuevos formed after longtime musical mates Kreg Sterns (singer/songwriter and guitarist) and Kim Collister (bass) fled their beloved New York rock scene to kick it in the Sunshine State. After a few lineup changes - including what Sterns terms as "a succession of drummers all exploding *Spinal Tap* -esque" - this lineup, includes lead guitarist Matt Osterhoudt and drummer Vinnie Cosentino.

**Sounds like:** Osterhoudt comes up with a simple math formula for explanatory purposes; Shins+

Guided By Voices+

Sebadoh+

2005 = The Nuevos.

**Next up:** "Recording, recording, recording," Collister said. "I had this nightmare that we're recording, the room is filled with light-up gnomes and we keep on recording the same song over and over again. I wake up to realize that it's not a dream. In fact, we have been recording the same song over and over." The band is finally nailing the lid closed on a long-awaited full length record after years of teasing fans with singles and EPs.

**Guilty pleasure:** While Collister picks Barry Manilow and Sterns goes for Heart, Mr. Lead Guitar really takes the cake when he drops the Flickerstick bomb.

**Worst live experience:** "The Entersection in Sarasota circa 2003," Osterhoudt said. "Let me set the scene for you: a mechanical dog, a vacuum, a rake, dishwasher (don't ask) flying onto the PA, some rednecks, beers and broken guitars. I guess it actually sounds pretty rock 'n' roll now that I think about it."

**Wish you were there:** The answer comes painfully quick. Sterns and Collister blew off a 1993 Nirvana concert at Manhattan's Roseland Ballroom that they had tickets for. Ouch. "We just figured we'd see them play some other time," Sterns said. "Who knew?"

**Claim to fame:** "Personally, it was when Kim and I played the Reading Festival in the U.K. in '95, an amazing year where everyone was there," Sterns said. "But, I'm hoping for bigger and better things with The Nuevos. Then again, I'm insane."

**Best album in your lifetime:** In Sterns' confusion, Collister cites Pavement's *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain* and Osterhoudt mentions Guided By Voices' *Bee Thousand* for the (wait for it) thousandth time this interview.

**Where to find them:** Catch The Nuevos' next two shows, both at St. Petersburg's The Bank, on Sept. 29 and Oct. 27.

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