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# NEW MUSIC FOR METAL HEADS

*Shapist gains popularity quickly and prepares to release a new EP this Christmas*

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New and upcoming, post-hardcore band Shapist has only been active since mid-2012 but has already achieved a lot, including a rapidly growing fanbase. The band consists of Jake Willman on drums, Trevor West on guitar, Devan Labrier on rhythm guitar, and Collin Reagan on bass. For vocalists, there is Sam Bedicheck with screaming and clean vocals and Rex Carol with screaming vocals.

Being the metal head that I am, I love Shapist. Though all metal bands tie back together due to metal's signature aggressive sound, Shapist sets themselves apart by using meaningful and unique lyrics. For instance, in their song "We Speak in Volumes," the boys emphasize the importance of living life for something. Most of the song talks about being unable to escape becoming a

void of a man, and the message really comes out through the lyrics: "I can tell this life is empty without cherishing simplicity, without believing in something."

Soon after the release of "We Speak in Volumes," Shapist released what some consider to be their kickoff song, "Samsara." The song, which features Garrison Lee of ERRA, quickly gained 25 thousand views within the first two weeks of its release. This song is my favorite because it shows the talent that Shapist has. Screaming and clean vocals overlap each other to create depth in the song.

On Dec. 25, metal heads can look forward to the band releasing their new EP. Metal fans should look the band up because they can become big if they keep releasing such amazing material.



Check out the link [goo.gl/O7mb7h](http://goo.gl/O7mb7h) to listen to a teaser of the band's latest EP album

## TECH SPOTLIGHT 1:FACE WATCH

*This sleek and colorful watch is a good deal and supports a good cause*

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Unlike other watches, the 1:Face Watch comes in a number of different colors, each color supporting a different cause. Currently, there are eight different colors available for the watch. From education to cancer research or AIDS treatment, each watch helps make a change. The new, limited edition red-and-white 1:Face Watch provides a meal, through the Red Cross, for three disaster victims affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Another option is a white watch, like mine, which provides a meal for 16 children in Africa.

For me, the 1:Face Watch was an easy choice. I was looking for a new watch, and I knew this would be a nice watch that could also make a difference. The 1:Face Watch is also uniquely square and reflective. Although it is relatively inexpensive at just \$40, it's durable and resistant.

One flaw of the watch was the lack of instructions. Despite this, the watch was pretty easy to figure out, even after internet research, I'm still unsure what two of the buttons do. Another flaw with the 1:Face Watch is its similar appearance to the Galaxy Gear watch. When I try explaining the 1:Face Watch's mission, people lose interest. A common response is, "Oh. So, it's just a watch?"

It's not just a watch. It's a second chance. It's a vital resource for someone in need. It's a glimpse of hope. So, this holiday season, go buy a watch, and change a life in the process.



Jilly's cupcake bar is located at 8509 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO (lauren pike)

## KICKED UP CUPCAKES

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Upon entering Jilly's Cupcake Bar, I was immediately comforted with the aromas of baking cake, frosting, and chocolate. Instantly, my taste buds were tingling for these tantalizing, Texas-sized cupcakes.

Jilly's offers a plethora of gourmet flavors ranging from the "Turtle Cheesecake," a chocolate cake filled with cheesecake and caramel, and topped with a pile of milk chocolate and caramel buttercream, to seasonal flavors, including the "Pumpkin Pie...Oh My," a vamped up pumpkin cake stuffed and topped with pumpkin pie.

When I took my "Chocolate Thunder" cupcake out of the container, I was astounded by swirling dollop of fluffy chocolate buttercream sprinkled with chocolate curls and topped with a jagged triangle of chocolate bark. The melt-in-your-mouth buttercream was perfect in consistency and light, buttery flavor, which paired nicely with the moist, chocolate cake and the ganache center provided a slight bitter contrast. Overall, Jilly's Cupcake Bar satisfies the gourmet sweet tooth of the foodies of St. Louis.

