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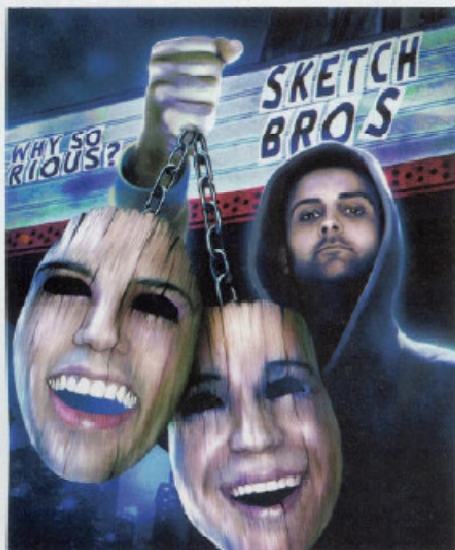
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## Sketch This Out!

By ALANA STROUD



**The rowdy Vancouver-based hip-hop trio The Sketch Bros. is making headlines in the music world among top artists like Snoop Dogg, Nas, and De La Soul. How, you ask? By being in the right place at the right time. After a Ja Rule CD release party at the Playboy Mansion, The Sketch Bros. have only gotten bigger. Their new release "Wiid," from the upcoming September album *Why So Serious?* is making a splash on YouTube, and the invites to perform at stadiums and open for well-known musicians keep coming. They've even earned sponsorship deals with Gucci and Puma.**

Who are they? Johnny Dilemma, Charley "Charz" Decept, and L-Precise, their in-house producer. Dilemma and Decept

are both originally from Ontario, though they didn't meet there, and were heavily influenced by the rave scene before breaking into hip-hop. They feel that the Internet has been instrumental in their increasing popularity, as artists who may not otherwise have had a chance to be heard are able to get their music and images out there in front of the people via the Web. They're now well on their way to conquering Cyberspace and the best city on the West Coast—who knows where the group will pop up next?

*Listen to The Sketch Bros. Songs on their Myspace page or their Web site at [sketchbros.com](http://sketchbros.com), or become a fan on Facebook. songs featured on YouTube are "Wiid" and "The Push."*



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business spotlight

## One of a Kind

By CASSAUNDA BROOKS

mascara a try. Model some flirty Betsey Johnson dresses for your shopping companion, or try on a selection by EcoSkin or anything else from many other available collections. September and October mark the beginning of the fall season, of course, and Jules & Eve expects new lines to arrive just in time, along with a fresh inventory of outerwear and gowns. Find hip fall jackets and pair them with metallic clutches and fashion-forward heels.

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