

If there's one thing to expect from Hellogoodbye, it's the unexpected. One day the band is hosting an on-stage house party, and the next, each member - vocalist/guitarist Forrest Kline, keyboardist Joe Marro, bassist Travis Head and drummer Aaron Flora - is dressed up as a different piece of fruit. Intensely synth-sational and gratifyingly groovy, Hellogoodbye has spent the last three years perfecting their unbridled live show and booty-shaking jams.

Hellogoodbye's beginning, however, was much more understated: "I started recording really horrible midi music on my PC in my bedroom," remembers Kline. "The rhythm was all jittery because my computer sucked and the vocals were all soft cause my parents were sleeping upstairs while I recorded them." Writing songs for friends and girls he wanted to woo, Kline kept the material to himself never sending demos to any labels. A mutual friend shared the songs with Drive-Thru owners Richard Reines and Stefanie Reines and they flipped out!

After Kline rounded up his players, they got to work recording their self-titled EP known as the Avocado EP because of the sunny California Warholesque cover art. The EP spawned the David Hasselhoff fave and MTV2 choice-cut video "Shimmy Shimmy Quarter Turn." Although initially meant to be free, available at shows and on the band's web site, the EP flew off the digital shelves scoring 750K downloads and eventually selling more than 125K copies at retail. After appearing on MTV2's *The Real World Austin* and winning MTV2's Dew Circuit Breakout contest in 2005, the band had no choice but to give the fans more of what they wanted - Hellogoodbye! Hellogoodbye started headlining - and selling out - venues and practically had to be surgically removed from the road in order to get back in the studio. Luckily, it didn't leave a scar.

For Hellogoodbye's long-awaited debut album, *Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!*, the band enlisted the help of Matt Mahaffey, singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist of the power-pop band Self, turn-table master on albums by Pink and Smash Mouth, member of Beck's back-up band and personal musical hero of Kline. The Southern California quartet settled into Mahaffey's home studio and started going through which songs would make the final cut, which was a foreign experience for Kline, who was used to producing all the band's music. "It was definitely a different process and a weird experience," says Kline of collaborating with an outside producer. "But when I look back on recording, I think that [Mahaffey] brought a lot of really cool stuff [to the album] and a lot of my favorite parts are the ones that he did."

The eleven tracks that ended up making it onto *Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!* work together to create a non-stop, radtastic mix, where no two songs are alike. From the opening beats of the new New Wave powerhouse "Here (in Your Arms)" to the tender plucking and pining of "Oh, It Is Love" Hellogoodbye has created the perfect soundtrack to any floor shakin' dance party followed by a hot and heavy make-out session. The 2006 release debuted at lucky #13 on the Billboard Top 200 and is the highest charting Drive-Thru Records release to date. "Here (In Your Arms)," became the first RIAA Certified Platinum single for Hellogoodbye as well as Drive-Thru.

Since the release of *Z! A! V! D!*, Hellogoodbye has toured extensively playing to sold-out audiences and making friends and fans all over the world. HGB has been the musical guest on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, Last Call with Carson Daly, MTV's TRL, MTV Live and FUSE's Steven's Untitled Rock Show. The group was featured in Spin, Blender, Alternative Press, Teen People, Kerrang!, Rock Sound, Cosmo Girl, New York Post, Los Angeles Times and many other national and international publications. In total, HELLOGOODBYE has sold more than 600K albums to date.

What's next for Hellogoodbye? The band is cracking the whip on a new album and touring. The future for Hellogoodbye is so bright, you might want to wear shades - or at least a sun block with a high SPF.