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HAZARD

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Previous *Komodo Dragons* frontman Luke Halker (guitarist and vocalist) bands together with Patrick Curk (drummer) to expand his career to new horizons as they form the alternative punk musical duo that is *Hazard*, releasing their debut, self-titled album next month.

After announcing his decision to take a break from *Komodo Dragons* last year, Luke has finally made a return as he declares this collaborative project with Patrick Curk. This dynamic duo allegedly first sparked the idea for this two-piece band when Luke noticed Patrick's potential

and unique character as a drummer when visiting a local gig night, taking the young and spunky percussionist under his wing. We were lucky enough to catch the pair between rehearsals and recordings;

Had you known each other before or was this a case of band-at-first-sight?

Luke: "I'd seen him around before, living in the same town

we'd crossed paths at a couple local gigs and have plenty of mutual friends, but I'd never really seen him drumming before until more recently. Since breaking off from *KD* I'd been considering working on something new for a while, but wanted to find someone else who could bring a new light to the sound, turns out this someone else was Patrick, immediately catching my attention with his drumming style, it wasn't like

any approach I'd seen before, it was exactly what I'd been looking for. From there I made sure to track him down after the gig, invited him to join me for a jam session and we hit it on straight away."

What are your aims for this new project, what message are you trying to convey to the listeners?

Patrick: "Whilst Luke obviously has some previous

experience, this'll be my first big music release, so why not make something big of it? As a standard we want to make an impression to listeners and stand out from the crowd."

Luke: "Exactly, we want to show people just how much we can achieve, even if there's only two of us, creating a sound that's refreshing, stand-out and unique. We don't want to be limited by a specific genre or by having only two members, because our overall message for the album is to tell everyone that however small people are they

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Patrick Curk (drummer), left
Luke Halker (guitar and vocals), right



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