

# Cool RIDERS

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Shaun Kama and Corina Cline are longtime friends who both have mad respect for each other's tattooing talents. Shaun is even in the midst of doing a *Munsters* sleeve on Corina's leg. We were lucky to get these two L.A. artists together for a shoot and to find out a little about their road to inkdom.

## SHAUN KAMA & CORINA CLINE







Corina's first tattoo was a fairy on her lower back, which was done at Fantasy Tattoo in New York. She doesn't credit it as her best choice, but she was 18 and ready to go. "I was pretty serious about fairies then," she says with a laugh. "My grandpa had these really awesome, crappy, old tattoos from when he was in the Navy. They were old and black at one time I'm sure, but they had a sort of greenish tone when I saw them."

When Shaun was 18, he took the settlement money he'd won from a car accident and marched right into a tattoo shop to get his first piece: a *Clockwork*

*Orange/Alice Cooper* image he'd drawn. Charlie at Twilight Fantasy did the honors. "I always loved the idea of art on skin," Shaun says. "It was a natural thing, I guess. I didn't know at first that I wanted to be a tattoo artist." He now works at multiple shops by appointment only and is on tour most of the year doing tattoo shows, creating events, and performing with his alt country/rock 'n' roll band Kings of the Wild Frontier.

One piece that stands out in Corina's mind is her monkey brains tattoo. It's from the old *Faces of Death* movies and was done by Daniel Werder at Unbreakable Tattoo. "I think it's funny, and only one person has ever come up to me and knew exactly what movie it was from. It was awesome."





Shaun loves horror/sci-fi and all things Halloween ("Horror and classic monsters are good for the soul"), but the truth is, he enjoys giving tattoos more than collecting them. As a result, he tends to get what he likes when the feeling is right.

"I dig my *Creature From the Black Lagoon*," he says. "Dirk Virmin at Pussykat Tattoo in Vegas did it a few years back. That was the first horror movie in 3D I ever went to see at a theater. I was four at the time and loved it! A double feature with *The Legend of Bigfoot*! Thanks, Mom!"

These two are living the life and truly taking it in. As Shaun says, "Tattooing has opened a lot of doors for me. It's taken me around the world and given me a free life. I couldn't ask for more!"

