

Satan's Cheerleaders

Biography

Satan's Cheerleaders, after not existing for a very long time indeed, came into existence in mid 2005 when Simon Ridley forcefully recruited several graduates of the prestigious Elder Conservatorium of Music to establish an original band. After a fiendishly intense rehearsal period of six months with the band's first line up consisting of bassist Lyndon Gray, drummer Jarrad Payne and saxophonist Stu Earl, Satan's Cheerleaders proceeded to play dozens of blistering gigs around Adelaide, establishing itself as consistently high-quality, inventive and entertaining act. By the end of 2007 Lyndon relinquished bass duties to pursue an international career with the ARIA award winning group "The Audreys" and was replaced by Jamie Mensforth, whose thundering bass playing, along with Jarrad's inventive drumming has come to define the Cheerleaders rhythm section.

In 2008 Satan's Cheerleaders recorded and released their debut full-length album "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea", enlisting the additional keyboard talents of Dave Telfer. The album received overwhelmingly positive reviews and featured in various street press publications and websites. To accompany the release of the album Satan's Cheerleaders starting to play inter-state gigs around Australia to increasingly large and enthusiastic audiences.

As of mid 2009, Dave and Stu had both departed the band to pursue careers overseas which led to Derek Pascoe taking over saxophone duties and Simon taking on keyboard in addition to vocals and guitar for live shows. The current four piece line up of Simon, Jarrad, Jamie and Derek have now solidified the explosive live incarnation of the band and have begun work on their second full length studio album.

Live highlights from Satan's Cheerleaders' relentless gigging schedule from the past five years have been a smoldering headline set at Adelaide's "Crank It" festival, two packed out live shows at the legendary "Espy" in Melbourne which resulted in an open invitation to return, performances in the Garden of Unearthly Delights at Adelaide's 2009 Fringe Festival. Recently, the band opened the music program with a set at the 2010 Fringe venue "Shimmering West".



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