



DUFFY

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Online interview with Bill Kahler



Band Members:

Eric Kehoe, 19 - Guitar/Vocals

Bill Kahler, 19 - Piano/Keyboards

Joe Girolamo, 17 - Drums/Percussion

Band History:

Eric and I (Bill) began making music together in 2001, each as single-instrumentalists. We began to build a repertoire and slowly began to learn how to write songs in a punk-rock band, where we were joined by Joe in 2003. After our tastes broadened and our musical knowledge expanded, Eric branched off and began writing songs that were definitely a step in a different direction than we had been used to. We began adapting some of the previous songs we had written as well as writing songs based on our new influences and before we knew it, Duffy was a full-fledged project.

We released the Just Take It In EP in 2005, and have been on tour forever in the Great Lakes region since.

Where did the band name originate?

Duffy is actually Eric's dad's nickname given to him by Eric's grandpa when he was a youngster.

What inspired you to start a band?

Watching bands on TV and in concerts, I always thought it would be the coolest thing to have a bunch of people wanting to listen to music that you wrote. It's the best job in the world to do something that you love for a living.

What are some of your influences?

We're definitely influenced by the greatest songwriters in the world, The Beatles, as well as Wilco, Ben Gibbard (Death Cab for Cutie), Bob Dylan, Limbeck, Coldplay, etc. All three of us listen to a wide range of music and it's exhibited in our songwriting.

What was your first song?

At first, we adapted songs from our previous band, such as Step and Days Left, but the first song we pulled together as a band was Home Tonight.

Where and when was your first show? What was it like?

We debuted ourselves at the Roseville Theatre in April 2004. It was definitely an experiment at the time, and looking back, it's hard to recognize ourselves as the same band.

About how many people were in attendance?

20-25 tops.

What's your fan base like?

It's very diverse as I think we cater to a wide range of tastes, from folk to blues to rock. It's nice seeing our friends and fans bring their parents and everyone can enjoy the music.

What's the coolest thing a fan has done for you?

We played in Davison, MI last summer and after we returned home, a fan had created a MySpace "fandom" for us, as well as putting our music on her profile and really spreading the word about it. It was unique in that it was the first time we got to have our music heard by people we had absolutely no ties with, and it was cool how well-received we were.

Do your parents support it?

All of our parents have been very supportive, especially in the loaning of equipment, basements, vans, time, etc. We love our parents.

Favorite thing about being in a band?

Being able to play our music for people and be proud of it.

Whats your favorite song to play live?

My personal favorite is Van Dyke, because it's one of those songs that you need to rock out on.

What bands would you like to tour with?

I'd love to be on tour with Wilco someday, as well as Limbeck, The Format, and Death Cab. I think our music would definitely mesh with those bands.

Whats the main goal of the band?

I think we all agree that we should write the best music possible. I don't think you should worry about making money or writing music just simply so that other people will like it. If you write music that you're proud of, then people will enjoy it and the rest of that stuff will come.

How have things changed for the band since you started?

Our musicianship is much better, and we're a lot more confident because of that.

If you could say one thing to the people reading this right now who have never heard you, what would it be?

If you enjoy music, you'll enjoy Duffy. Give us a listen.

Anything else? (feel free to plug your CD, shows, site, etc)

www.duffyband.com has links to our upcoming shows, our MySpace, as well as merch and what not. Check it out and drop us a line.