



singer, song writer, electronic music producer

Sonny John Moore born January 15, 1988, better known by his stage name Skrillex. Raised in Northeast Los Angeles and in Northern California, Moore joined the American post-hardcore band From First to Last as the lead singer in 2004, and recorded two studio albums with the band (*Dear Diary*, *My Teen Angst Has a Body Count*, 2004, and *Heroin*, 2006) before leaving to pursue a solo career in 2007. He began his first tour as a solo artist in late 2007. After recruiting a new band lineup, Moore joined the Alternative Press Tour to support bands such as All Time Low and The Rocket Summer, and appeared on the cover of *Alternative Press*' annual 100 Bands You Need to Know issue. After releasing the *Gypsyhook* EP in 2009, Moore was scheduled to record his debut studio album, *Bells*, with producer Noah Shinn. However, he coaxed production of the album and began performing under the name Skrillex.

After releasing the *My Name is Skrillex* EP for free download on his official MySpace page, he released the *Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites* EP in late-2010 and *More Monsters and Sprites* EP in mid-2011. Both have since become moderate commercial successes. On November 30, 2011, he was nominated for a total of five Grammy Awards at the 54th Grammy Awards, including Best New Artist and won three: Best Dance/Electronic Album, Best Dance Recording, and Best Remixed Recording, Non-Classical. On December 5, 2011, the BBC announced that he had been nominated for their Sound of 2012 poll. On December 12, 2011, he was also named MTV's EDM Artist of the Year, ranking in front of successful acts such as David Guetta and deadmau5.

In 2008, Moore began producing and performing under the alias Skrillex (but before that, he was known on the internet as Twigz) at clubs in the Los Angeles area. On June 7, 2010, Moore released his official Skrillex debut EP, *My Name is Skrillex* as a free download. Moore provided programming and vocals for UK metalcore band Bring Me the Horizon on their third studio album *There is a Hell, Believe Me I've Seen It. There is a Heaven, Let's Keep It a Secret*. Later in the year, Sonny began a nationwide tour with Deadmau5 after being signed to multi-trap recordings and released his second EP, *Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites*. Moore kicked off the Project Blue Book Tour in 2011 with support from Porter Robinson, Tommy Lee and DJ Aero as well as appearances from Sofia Toufa for a new song titled *Bring out the Devil*. Skrillex unveiled several new songs on this tour including *First Of The Year* (formerly known as *Equinox*), *Reptile*, and *Cinema* (remix of a Benny Benassi track). *Reptile* was featured in the TV commercial for *Mortal Kombat 9*, and *First of the Year (Equinox)* is featured on his follow up EP and remix companion to *Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites*, titled *More Monsters and Sprites*. In April 2011, Spin Magazine premiered an exclusive new track from Korn that Skrillex produced.

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