Duck Thieves are a Coventry based band who are described as Indie Panto Pop with a slice of punk performance art thrown in. They continue to bring songs that are inspired by personal story telling, feminism, standing up to racism and B-Movies

Duck Thieves formed in late 2014 when front man Justin Wing Chung Hui (vocals + guitar) invited his ex-band mates Steve Weir (bass + vocals), Donna Crawford (drums + vocals) join him. Justin, Steve and Donna had played together in Coventry band ‘The Sequins’ that had split up several years earlier. After a couple of successful rehearsals, Justin then asked band mates Michelle Bailey-Le Long and Cait Buckley who also played in Coventry punk band Deathsex Bloodbath to join. They played their first low key gig together at indie night Kitchen Club Disco, run by Steve Weir, which at the time took place at The Quadrant club.

In 2015, they recorded their first 6 songs at The Moonbase recording studios, released their first EP ‘Act One’ at the end of 2015 and ‘Copycat’ EP at the beginning of 2016. During this period they played some higher profile support slots in the city with touring bands ‘Evans the Death’ and ‘Spook School’. They also played at DIY Feminist Punk night ‘REVOLT!’ and made their first appearance at Coventry Pride.

At the end of 2016 Duck Thieves recorded the ‘In Liverpool We’ll Barn Dance’ EP again at the The Moonbase and it was launched at a release party in Theatre Absolute.

At the beginning of 2017, they had a recording session at Woodbine Studios. Their first video for song ‘Make it On Your Own’ was shot conceived by the band and shot by Mindsweep Media and became their first digital only release midway through the year. At this point Steve Weir left to pursue opportunities with band ‘Gunther Prague’. Jessamy Davis (bass + vocals) joined the lineup and the band played supported Jeffrey Lewis in Birmingham, and played Yr Welcome festival also in Birmingham.

At the end of the year, they recorded the video to ‘Why Should I Look like Everybody Else’. This was subsequently released at a Xmas gig at the Tin at the end of the year. This was the final gig for Donna Crawford who was later replaced by Steven Shelley (drums) in early 2018.

2018 saw Duck Thieves play again at a larger Coventry Pride and on the main stage at Godiva Festival.

2019 saw Duck Thieves release ‘Dance like a Duck Thief’ Ep and support The Specials at their homecoming concert at the Coventry Cathedral Ruins.

**Short bio**

Duck Thieves are a Coventry based band who are described as Indie Panto Pop and punk performance art. They write songs that are inspired by personal story telling, feminism, standing up to racism and silly B-Movies.

The band formed when front man Justin Wing Chung Hui asked his fellow band mate Michelle Bailey-Le Long and ex-band mate Cait Buckley to join him with the idea of bringing fun theatrics to small DIY indie gigs to small crowds in intimate venues.

After releasing several Eps independently and YouTube music videos to critical acclaim, they were invited to play to larger and larger audiences.

In 2018 saw Duck Thieves play at Coventry Pride and on the main stage at Godiva Festival to thousands of people.

In 2019, they released their latest EP ‘Dance like a Duck Thief’ and support The Specials at their homecoming concert at the Coventry Cathedral Ruins.