

Milo Aukerman

Milo Jay Aukerman (born January 1, 1963)^[1] is an American singer, songwriter, and research **biochemist**. Aukerman is most widely known for being the lead singer of the **punk rock** band the **Descendents**, a group widely considered to be pioneers of modern "**pop punk**".^[2] While not an original member, he joined after their first single ("Ride the Wild" b/w "It's a Hectic World"). The first full length Descendents album (released in 1982) was titled *Milo Goes to College*, as he had gone to school at UC San Diego. The initial single had caricatures of the three original members, and the drawing used to symbolize Milo, invented by a high school classmate, was used on many of their albums. Aukerman has also provided backing vocals for other musicians, and, while attending college (between stints with the Descendents), briefly fronted the San Diego band "Milestone" who released one independently produced album.

1 Education and scientific career

Aukerman attended **Mira Costa High School**, with fellow members of the Descendents.^[3] He holds a **doctorate** in biology from **UC San Diego**,^[4] conducted postdoctoral research in **biochemistry** at the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**, and currently works as a plant researcher at **DuPont** in **Delaware**.^{[5][6]}

2 Musical career

As a musician, Aukerman sings in a mid-range **tenor**, and his generally upbeat lyrics encompass such universal topics as girls/rejection, dependence upon **caffeine**, and the never-ending quest for good food. He is known for his bespectacled, unabashedly **nerdy** persona and self-deprecating, "anti-rockstar" demeanor.

The Descendents are still active on occasion, turning up in 2010, replacing Devo to headline the FunFunFunFest in Austin, TX on November 7 and playing Australia in December.

3 Personal life

Aukerman has been married since 1996 and is the father of two children.

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