

= Haim (band) =

Haim (pronounced HY @-@ ?m , / ?ha??.?m / , Hebrew : ????? Life and stylized as HAIM) is an American pop rock band from Los Angeles . The band consists of sisters Este , Danielle and Alana Haim , and drummer Dash Hutton . The group 's pop sound on their studio work stands in contrast to the more rock @-@ based music of their live shows .

The sisters grew up in a musical family , and began playing instruments from an early age in cover bands with their parents . They began performing as Haim in 2007 , but did not seriously consider a professional career for some years . Este graduated with a degree in Ethnomusicology , while Danielle became a successful touring guitarist with Jenny Lewis and The Strokes ' frontman , Julian Casablancas , on his solo tours . This led to Haim resuming as a full @-@ time operation in 2012 .

The group 's first release , Forever (an EP released on a limited @-@ time download) , combined with positive reception at the South by Southwest festival , led to a deal with Polydor Records and a management deal with Jay Z 's Roc Nation group in mid @-@ 2012 . The band began recording material for their first album , Days Are Gone , in between touring , including appearances at the Glastonbury Festival . The album charted in the top ten in several countries , including the number one @-@ spot in the UK , and the group had won several " best of " awards by the end of 2013 . The group was nominated for Best New Artist at the 57th Annual Grammy Awards and is recording a second album .

= = Career = =

= = = Early career = = =

The three sisters , Este Arielle Haim (b . March 14 , 1986) , Danielle Sari Haim (b . February 16 , 1989) and Alana Mychal Haim (b . December 15 , 1991) were born and raised in the San Fernando Valley , California . Their father Mordechai (" Moti ") was born in Israel and is of Bulgarian Jewish descent , while their mother Donna is of Polish descent . Both have been musicians ; though he had been a professional soccer player in Israel , Moti also played drums , while Donna won a contest on The Gong Show in the 1970s singing a Bonnie Raitt song . While Danielle showed an aptitude for the guitar at a young age , Moti made the decision that Este would be more suited to the bass , buying her a second hand Fender for \$ 50 . The siblings were encouraged to listen to their parents ' 1970s classic rock and Americana records and , during their childhood , the family formed a band called Rockinhaim to play cover versions at local charity fairs , with Moti on drums and Donna on guitar . The group played typical wedding band material , including the Beatles ' " Get Back " , Billy Joel 's " You May Be Right " and Van Morrison 's " Brown Eyed Girl " , but only did free community and benefit gigs at churches , schools and hospitals .

Danielle and Este were members of the pop @-@ rock group the Valli Girls , and appeared on the soundtrack to the 2005 film The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants . Their song " Valli Nation " by the " SoCal teen prodigies " appeared on the 2005 Nickelodeon Kids ' Choice Awards soundtrack alongside established musicians Avril Lavigne , Alicia Keys , Simple Plan and Good Charlotte .

As they grew older , the sisters became more interested in incorporating pop and contemporary R & B into their music , and in 2007 they decided to form their own band . For their first gig , the trio played at a Jewish deli in Hollywood and were paid in matzah ball soup . Early gigs were sparsely populated ; Danielle recalled " we were bottom of the bill at 50 capacity venues and no @-@ one would show up " .

For the next five years , Haim played local venues but did not consider music as a professional career , since all three sisters were busy with other projects . Este was studying at UCLA and graduated in 2010 with a degree in Ethnomusicology (completed in just two years instead of the normal five) , specializing in Bulgarian and Brazilian music .

= = = Danielle Haim 's guest appearances = = =

After graduating from high school , Danielle was spotted by musician Jenny Lewis at a jam session in Laurel Canyon , which led to Danielle joining Lewis ' touring band . The Strokes ' singer Julian Casablancas came to see one of Lewis 's shows on tour , and he in turn asked Danielle to play guitar and percussion on his own solo tour . Danielle rehearsed with Casablancas ' band every day for two months , which she later described as " an eye @-@ opening experience " . Following working with Casablancas , she toured as part of Scarlet Fever , the all @-@ female backing band for CeeLo Green .

While Danielle enjoyed touring , she decided she would prefer to perform her own music alongside her sisters , turning down a lucrative tour deal with Green . Casablancas advised Danielle to write stronger material and focus on recording , as it would improve their online presence .

= = = 2012 ? 13 : Forever and commercial success = = =

After playing shows supporting Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros , The Henry Clay People and Kesha , Haim released the three song EP Forever in February 2012 as a time @-@ limited free download on their website . Dash Hutton officially joined as drummer at the EP 's release party at the Los Angeles Bootleg Theatre . He is the son of Three Dog Night 's Danny Hutton and knew Este socially after she had seen his old band , Wires on Fire . The EP received attention from the music industry following a successful series of shows at the South by Southwest festival in March . Danielle recalled the first show was " maybe a disaster " , but the remainder of the shows attracted more attention . The band subsequently signed a deal with Polydor Records in the UK in June .

In July , independent record label National Anthem re @-@ released the Forever EP on 10 " vinyl , containing the original three songs along with a fourth track , a remix of " Forever " by Dan Lissvik . Following dates supporting Mumford & Sons on their Gentlemen of the Road tour in the US in August , Haim toured the UK for the first time in November 2012 and then supported Florence and the Machine on their UK and Ireland tour in December .

British music magazine New Musical Express made the title track of the Forever EP its number 4 track of 2012 . On January 4 , 2013 the BBC announced that Haim had topped their annual Sound of 2013 music industry poll to find the most promising new musical acts for the coming year . The group also signed a management contract with the conglomerate Roc Nation , returned to South by SouthWest in March 2013 and earned their own " At Your Request " video feature on Idolator . In early 2013 , they were featured on American recording artist Kid Cudi 's third studio album Indicud , on the song titled " Red Eye " . Danielle Haim appeared on the first track , " You 're No Good " , from Major Lazer 's second album , Free the Universe , alongside Santigold , Vybzs Kartel and Yasmin .

= = = 2013 ? 14 : Days Are Gone = = =

The group spent a year recording their first album , Days Are Gone in sessions between live shows . The group experimented with drum machines and the music program GarageBand , adding hip hop and R & B influences to their existing sound . Polydor recommended producers Ariel Rechtshaid and James Ford to help with the album , who suggested further use of synthesizers , bringing the album closer to a straightforward pop style . Several of the drum tracks were recorded with gated reverb , made famous by Phil Collins . In June 2013 , the group performed at Glastonbury Festival , and in addition to their own set , the band appeared with Primal Scream performing background vocals on " It 's Alright , It 's OK " , " Rocks " and " Come Together " . The band returned for a repeat performance at Glastonbury in 2014 .

The single " The Wire " was released on July 29 and the album followed on 30 September . The album reached number one in the UK and has since sold 200 @,@ 000 copies there . To promote the album , the group performed " The Wire " on the BBC 's The Andrew Marr Show , with Este dedicating the song to the British Prime Minister David Cameron , also a guest on the show . The move was criticised as being ill @-@ judged by Johnny Marr , who stated that ? It ? s really simple : they made themselves look like idiots . It ? s ridiculous . No @-@ one put a gun to their head . The

Conservatives tried to do the same thing with The Smiths , to re @-@ appropriate us in a false way , to be cool by association . ? Haim did not respond .

Haim subsequently toured Europe throughout the remainder of 2013 , recruiting touring keyboardist Tommy King , as well as performing as the musical guest on Saturday Night Live on November 23 with host Josh Hutcherson . The group performed " The Wire " and " Don 't Save Me " and Este considered this performance particularly poignant as a high school drama teacher had once told her " You 're never going to be on Saturday Night Live . " The main US tour followed in April 2014 and continued into May .

= = = 2014 ? present : Second album = = =

In 2014 , Haim were awarded the NME " Best International Band " award . In August , the band released the video for " My Song 5 " in a remixed version , featuring American rapper , A \$ AP Ferg . This is the sixth single taken from Days Are Gone . Haim and Jon Heder made an appearance for the music video of Chromeo 's " Old 45 's " . In October , the group recorded a cover of Fleetwood Mac 's " Rhiannon " with Stevie Nicks . As of October 2014 , the group are recording their second album , having written a bulk of new material while on tour over the year . The band is also featured on the original soundtrack of The Hunger Games : Mockingjay ? Part 1 and The Divergent Series : Insurgent . In November , the group contributed their vocals to the track " Pray to God " on Calvin Harris ' fourth studio album Motion .

The group have become friends with singer @-@ songwriter Taylor Swift , and together they have visited Catalina and Maui , Hawaii . In the summer of 2015 , Haim opened for Taylor Swift at select dates on The 1989 World Tour . The group were nominated for Best New Artist at the 57th Annual Grammy Awards . Danielle was injured in an accident just before the awards , but shortly afterwards tweeted that she was recovering .

On March 29 , 2016 , Haim released a teaser announcing new music and a new tour coming in summer 2016 to their Instagram page .

= = Musical style = =

Haim has been compared to the 1970s soft @-@ rock band Fleetwood Mac , though the group say they are " squeamish " about this comparison and insist they are influenced by more recent music . According to Metro , their music sounds like folk @-@ rock " with a few R & B / hip @-@ hop stylings thrown in for good measure " . The group are fans of , and have been influenced by Beyoncé , covering her song " XO " on BBC Radio 1 's " Live Lounge " , and described " My Song 5 " as " ripping off " Justin Timberlake .

The group have rejected the " girl band " label , preferring to be respected as musicians on their individual merits . Alana stated , " When people call us a girl band , I take it as an insult ? being a girl in a band shouldn 't be a thing . ? All three sisters are proficient on more than one instrument : Este plays both guitar and bass , Danielle plays guitar and drums , and Alana plays guitar , keyboards and percussion . For live performances , Este plays bass , Danielle plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals , and Alana plays rhythm guitar along with keyboards and percussion . All three sisters contribute three part vocal harmony .

The band 's live sound is different to that in the studio . Writing for NME , Hazel Sheffield said that Days Are Gone " may confuse those won over by their raw , rocking live shows . " Recordings demonstrate the group 's vocal pop style , while the group play typical rock material such as Fleetwood Mac 's " Oh Well " in concert . The group 's background in wedding bands from their days as RockinHaim has led them to cover many different songs live and for radio sessions , including Miley Cyrus ' " Wrecking Ball " , Sheryl Crow 's " Strong Enough " and the Strokes ' " I 'll Try Anything Once " (an early version of " You Only Live Once ") . Este acts as the group 's MC onstage , announcing most of the songs . Many of her on stage antics , such as her blunt and coarse banter with the audience , frequent illeism and her amusing facial expressions (the " bass face ") while playing are staples of the band 's live shows and to a lesser extent , the band 's public

image .

Hutton has said that Este is his favourite bassist to play with . Though he declines to appear in press and publicity photos , he is nevertheless a full @-@ time member of the band .

= = Reception = =

Critical reaction to Haim has been positive . PopMatters ' Matt James wrote " It 'd be hard to truly dislike Haim . They 're an eminently likeable , albeit slightly kooky , trio whose story already bears the frisson of legend . " Writing for The Guardian , Alexis Petridis praised the band 's songwriting abilities , saying it " has a certain kind of glossily depthless pop perfection down pat " . The band 's sound has been described as " nu @-@ folk @-@ meets @-@ nineties @-@ R & B " and " music that sounds like it was written on a lakeside retreat attended by Stevie Nicks , John Waite and En Vogue " .

In her survey of pop music in 2013 , Observer critic Kitty Empire praised the band for " using the vector of harmonies to splice R & B with 1970s soft rock . They laid waste , too , to a herd of ghastly old hobby horses about guitar bands being unmarketable and record sales only being tied to women 's state of undress . "

= = Discography = =

Days Are Gone (2013)