

= Sum 41 =

Sum 41 is a Canadian rock band from Ajax , Ontario , Canada . Originally called Kaspir , the band was formed in 1996 and , as of 2015 , the band 's current lineup consists of lead vocalist / rhythm guitarist Deryck Whibley , lead guitarist / backing vocalist Dave Baksh , co @-@ lead guitarist / backing vocalist Tom Thacker , bassist / backing vocalist Jason McCaslin and drummer Frank Zummo .

In 1999 , the band signed an international record deal with Island Records . The band released its EP Half Hour of Power in 2000 . Although often considered to be the group 's debut album , the band members consider their next release , All Killer , No Filler , the group 's debut album . The band released its debut album , All Killer , No Filler in 2001 . The band achieved mainstream success with the first single from the album , " Fat Lip " , which reached number @-@ one on the Billboard Modern Rock Tracks chart and remains the band 's most successful single to date . All Killer No Filler was certified platinum in the United States , Canada and in the United Kingdom .

The band later released Does This Look Infected ? in 2002 to a commercial and critical success . The singles " The Hell Song " and " Still Waiting " both charted highly on the modern rock charts . The band released its next album , Chuck , in 2004 , led by singles " We 're All to Blame " and " Pieces " . The album proved successful , peaking at No. 10 on the Billboard 200 and sold five million copies worldwide . In 2007 , the band released Underclass Hero , which was released to a mixed reception , but gained some commercial success , becoming the band 's highest charting album to date . It was also the last album on Aquarius Records . The band released Screaming Bloody Murder , the group 's last album on Island Records , in 2011 to a mixed to positive reception , though it fell short of its predecessors ' commercial success . The band 's sixth studio album , titled 13 Voices is set for release on October 7 , 2016 .

The band often performs more than 300 times each year and holds long global tours , most of which last more than a year . The group has been nominated for seven Juno Awards and have won twice (Group of the Year in 2002 and Rock Album of the Year for Chuck in 2005) . Sum 41 was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock / Metal Performance for the song " Blood In My Eyes " ; however , the band lost to the Foo Fighters .

= = History = =

= = = 1996 ? 98 : Formative years = = =

Sum 41 was formed by lead guitarist and backing vocalist Deryck Whibley and drummer Steve Jocz , under the name Kaspir after Whibley convinced Jocz to join his band . Jocz was a drummer in another band and Whibley was convinced that " he was the best drummer around " . After having several rhythm guitarists and lead vocalists try out for the band , the duo added Dave Baksh as lead guitarist and backing vocalist in order for Whibley to take over as lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist . The group went through several bassists , until ultimately settling on Jason McCaslin , thus completing the band 's mainstay lineup . The group members decided to change the band 's name for a Supernova show on September 28 , 1996 , which happened to be the 41st day of their summer vacation .

= = = 1998 ? 2000 : Half Hour of Power = = =

In 1998 , the band recorded a demo tape on Compact Cassette which the group sent to record companies in the hope of getting a recording contract . These demo tapes are rare and are the only recordings known that are with the original bassist , Richard Roy and original keyboardist , John Nicosia .

From 1999 to 2000 , the band recorded several new songs . The Introduction to Destruction and later the Cross The T 's and Gouge Your I 's DVDs both contained the self @-@ recorded footage ,

which saw them band performing a dance to " Makes No Difference " in front of a theater .

Sum 41 's first EP , Half Hour of Power , was released on June 27 , 2000 . The first single released by the band was " Makes No Difference " , which had two different music videos . The first video was put together using the video clips sent to the record label and the second showed the band performing at a house party . The album was certified gold in Canada . Following the success of the EP , the band began working on its first full @-@ length album .

= = = 2001 ? 03 : All Killer No Filler and Does This Look Infected ? = = =

Sum 41 's first full @-@ length album , All Killer , No Filler , was released on May 8 , 2001 . " Fat Lip " , the album 's first single , achieved significant chart and commercial success ; it topped the U.S. Billboard Modern Rock Tracks chart as well as many other charts around the world . The song remains the band 's most successful song to date . After " Fat Lip " , two more singles were released from the album : " In Too Deep " and " Motivation " . " In Too Deep " peaked at No. 10 on the Modern Rock Tracks chart , while " Motivation " peaked at No. 24 on the same chart . The album peaked at No. 13 on the Billboard 200 chart and at No. 9 on the Top Canadian Albums chart . The album was a commercial success , and was certified platinum in the United States , Canada and in the UK .

The success of the album brought the band touring offers with mainstream bands such as Blink @-@ 182 and The Offspring . The band spent much of 2001 touring ; the group played over 300 concerts that year before returning to the studio to record another album .

On November 26 , 2002 , the group released its second album , Does This Look Infected ? . The special edition came with a DVD , Cross The T 's and Gouge Your I 's . Whibley said of the album : " We don 't want to make another record that sounds like the last record , I hate when bands repeat albums . " The album featured a harder and edgier sound , and the lyrics featured a more serious outlook . The album peaked at No. 32 on the Billboard 200 chart and at No. 8 on the Top Canadian Albums chart . The album was certified platinum in Canada and gold in the United States , but was not as successful as its predecessor .

The first single released from the album was " Still Waiting " , which peaked at No. 7 on the Modern Rock Tracks chart . The second single , " The Hell Song " peaked at No. 13 on the chart . " The Hell Song " 's music video depicted the band members using dolls with their pictures on them and others , such as Ozzy Osbourne and Pamela Anderson . The third single , " Over My Head (Better Off Dead) " , had a video released exclusively in Canada and on the band 's website , featuring live shots of the band . The video also appeared on the group 's live DVD , Sake Bombs And Happy Endings (2003) , as a bonus feature . The band again commenced on a long tour to promote the album before recording the group 's third studio album .

= = = 2004 ? 05 : Chuck = = =

In late May 2004 , the band traveled to the Democratic Republic of Congo with War Child Canada , a branch of the British charity organization War Child , to document the civil war in the country . Days after arriving , fighting broke out in Bukavu near the hotel the band was staying at .

The band waited for the fighting to die down , but it did not . During that time , a U.N. peacekeeper , Charles " Chuck " Pelletier , called for armored carriers to take the hotel 's occupants out of the hot zone . After nearly six hours , the carriers arrived , and the band and the forty other civilians were taken to safety .

In honor of Pelletier , Sum 41 named its next album Chuck ; it was released on October 12 , 2004 . The album is the band 's heaviest and most serious album to date , and charted at No. 10 on the Billboard 200 chart and on the Top Internet Albums chart . It also peaked at No. 2 on the Canadian Albums chart and was the band 's highest @-@ charting album until it was surpassed by Underclass Hero . The album received positive reviews and was certified platinum in Canada and gold in the United States .

The first single from the album was " We 're All To Blame " , which peaked at No. 10 on the Modern

Rock Tracks chart . It was followed by " Pieces " , a relatively soft song which reached the top of the charts in Canada . The next single was " Some Say " , released only in Canada and Japan . The last single off the record was " No Reason " , released at the same time as " Some Say " , but with no music video and was only released in Europe and the USA , where it reached No. 16 on the Billboard Modern Rock chart .

A documentary of the band 's experience in Congo was made into a film called Rocked : Sum 41 in Congo and later aired on MTV . War Child released it on DVD on November 29 , 2005 , in the United States and Canada .

Following the album 's release , the band went on a tour with Good Charlotte until 2006 . On December 21 , 2005 , Sum 41 released a live album , Happy Live Surprise , in Japan . The CD contained a full concert recorded live from London , Ontario and was produced by Whibley . The same CD was released March 7 , 2006 , in Canada under the name Go Chuck Yourself .

= = = 2006 ? 09 : Underclass Hero , All the Good Shit and Baksh 's departure = = =

On May 10 , 2006 , Dave Baksh announced in a statement through his management company that he was leaving Sum 41 to work with his new band , Brown Brigade , which has a more " classic metal " sound . Baksh cited " creative differences " as the reason for his departure but claimed that he was still on good terms with the band . The next day , Whibley confirmed Baksh 's departure and announced that the band would only replace Dave with a touring guitarist , who would not have any decision @-@ making power in the band or be in videos , photo shoots , or albums .

Recording of the band 's fourth studio album , Underclass Hero , began on November 8 , 2006 and finished on March 14 , 2007 . The album , backed by the first single and title track , " Underclass Hero " , was released on July 24 , 2007 . Despite mixed reviews , the album was a commercial success , debuting at No. 7 on the Billboard 200 and at No. 1 on the Billboard Rock Albums chart , the band 's highest U.S. chart position to date . The album sold over 1 million copies worldwide . It also peaked at No. 1 on the Canadian Albums chart and on the Alternative Albums chart , a first for the band on both the charts .

On April 17 , 2007 , the band released a song on iTunes , " March of the Dogs " . Although not a single , the band released it early because , according to Whibley , " the record [wouldn't] be out until the summer " . Whibley was threatened with deportation for the song , because he metaphorically " killed the president " in it . Two more singles were released from the album , " Walking Disaster " and " With Me " . " With Me " especially found radio success by 2008 . Underclass Hero was certified platinum in Canada .

In October 2007 , the band began the Strength In Numbers Tour , a tour of Canada with Canadian band Finger Eleven ; Die Mannequin opened each of Sum 41 's shows . During the tour , Whibley sustained a herniated disk . As a result , the group canceled the rest of its shows . After Whibley recovered from his injury , the band recommenced the Underclass Hero tour in March 2008 . The band toured until early July , when the group began preparation for its next album .

On August 7 , 2008 , McCaslin announced in a journal entry on the band 's site that the band was currently taking time off from touring to do other things . Afterward , the group began working on the band 's next studio album . McCaslin worked on the second album by his side @-@ project , The Operation M.D .. Jocz toured as a drummer for The Vandals , and Whibley toured with his (then) wife , Avril Lavigne .

On November 26 , 2008 , Sum 41 released a greatest hits album in Japan titled 8 Years of Blood , Sake and Tears . The album included a previously unreleased song , " Always " , and a DVD , which contains each of the band 's music videos . On March 17 , the band released the worldwide version of the album titled All the Good Shit .

= = = 2009 ? 12 : Screaming Bloody Murder and Thacker 's arrival = = =

Drummer Steve Jocz confirmed that Gob frontman Tom Thacker will take part in the writing and recording and will also be part of the band . On November 5 , 2009 , Deryck posted a blog on the

band's MySpace page announcing Gil Norton as the producer of the band's upcoming album, also saying that 20 songs were already written for the album. In an interview with Tom Thacker, some working titles for songs for the new album were confirmed, including "Panic Attack", "Jessica Kill" and "Like Everyone Else". Pre @-@ production for the new album took 13 days in December 2009, with the band officially entering the studio to begin recording at Perfect Sound Studios on January 26, 2010. The new studio album, titled Screaming Bloody Murder, was expected for a late 2010 release, until it was delayed again until early 2011. The band finished recording on June 24, 2010, just before joining the 2010 Warped Tour, and while the group was on the tour, the new album entered the post @-@ production stages of mixing and mastering. A new song called "Skumfuk" was leaked online on July 6, 2010. The song is not a single of the new album, and was hoped to be included as part of a Warped Tour compilation album. In an interview with Canoe.ca, Steve Jocz stated that while producer Gill Norton was originally hired to engineer the new album, he was only around for a week and Sum 41 self @-@ produced the record.

On January 8, 2011, it was announced that the band will release the radio single "Screaming Bloody Murder" on February 7, 2011 in the United States. The song had its worldwide premiere on January 14, 2011, on the Windsor radio station 89X. Universal Japan has confirmed on the official Japanese Sum 41 website, that Screaming Bloody Murder will be released in Japan on March 23, 2011, after which it was confirmed on the band's official website that the album be released on March 29, 2011, in the US, though the Japanese release date was since then postponed to April 6 following the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami. On February 28, 2011, a stream of "Blood In My Eyes", another new song from the album, was released for free listening on Alternative Press. On May 28, 2011, Sum 41 performed a live set for "Guitar Center Sessions" on DirecTV. The episode included an interview with program host, Nic Harcourt. On June 14, 2011, it was announced that "Baby, You Don't Wanna Know" will be released as the second single of the album. On June 28, 2011, it was confirmed that the band shot a music video for the song during a day off in Germany. In July 2011, Matt Whibley has confirmed that the music video for the first single "Screaming Bloody Murder" will be left unreleased due to its content and difficulties with the label, but the video for "Baby, You Don't Wanna Know" will be released soon instead.

In May 2011, during the band's 10th anniversary Japanese tour, the band debuted for the first time some new songs from Screaming Bloody Murder, including "Reason to Believe", "Blood in My Eyes", "Sick of Everyone" and "Back Where I Belong". During the same tour, Deryck Whibley's cousin, Matt, who served as the band's assistant as well as video photographer, has joined the band on stage as an unofficial member to play the keyboards. He then continued to play keyboards during the band's European summer tour in June ? July 2011.

On August 9, 2011, Sum 41 released the live album Live at the House of Blues, Cleveland 9 @. @ 15 @. @ 07 - a live recording of a show that took place on September 15, 2007, in Cleveland, Ohio, while the band was touring its previous album Underclass Hero.

On August 13, 2011, while the band was touring the US as part of the Vans Warped Tour, making up for dates the group had to cancel on its 2010 stint on the tour; the band was forced once again to cancel all remaining dates in the US and Canada after playing only 3 shows, after Deryck re @-@ injured his back. On August 23, 2011, it was announced on the band's official website that following Deryck Whibley's back injury on August 13, which forced the band to already cancel its US and Canadian dates in August, the band would be indefinitely postponing all upcoming tour dates for 2011, due to Deryck undergoing a treatment for his medical condition. It was confirmed that the band's first ever South American tour as well as the group's first ever Asian tour (excluding Japan), would all be cancelled, and rescheduled for some time in 2012. In an interview with Jason McCaslin that took place in Oppikoppi, McCaslin has said that "it's safe to say Sum 41 won't have another album out for at least the next two years." On November 30, 2011, Sum 41 was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock / Metal Performance for the song Blood In My Eyes, however on February 12, 2012, the Foo Fighters won. On February 24, 2012, it was announced on the band's Twitter that this week the band will be shooting a music video for the song "Blood In My Eyes" with director Michael Maxxis in Los Angeles, confirming that it'll be the third single of the album. Shooting of the video took place on February 29, 2012, at the desert around

the Los Angeles area . On March 19 , 2012 , it was announced on the band 's Twitter that the 1st cut of the music video was ready , and that the video will be shortly released and some changes will be made . The video was finally released on the 10th of September .

It was announced in September that the band was planning a Does This Look Infected ? 10th Anniversary Tour to celebrate the album 's release in 2002 . The tour consisted of North American dates that spanned from November into December .

= = = 2012 ? 15 : Jocz 's departure and Zummo 's arrival = = =

On November 26 , 2012 , the band members revealed that they were taking a break from touring in 2013 to begin work on a new record . On April 18 , 2013 , drummer Jocz announced he would be leaving the band via his official Facebook page , leaving Whibley as the sole founding member of the band . In an interview on February 7 , 2014 , Deryck revealed that the band has possibly found a new drummer and would be premiering new music " soon " . The expected sixth album would have been the band 's first with Whibley and McCaslin as the only two band members from the group 's original release left , until Baksh 's return in 2015 , which will also be his first album with band since 2004 's Chuck . The album will also be the band 's first without founding drummer Steve Jocz , and the first to feature drummer Frank Zummo .

On May 16 , 2014 , Deryck Whibley posted on his personal website , explaining that he had a liver and kidney failure due to extensive drinking . He also stated that he had some ideas for new songs , and that the band would be soon starting to make a new album . On June 9 , 2014 , Deryck Whibley has stated on his personal Facebook page that he was working on new Sum 41 music out of his home studio to get ready to record some new tunes . On March 19 , 2015 , a short video was posted on the band 's Facebook page , showing only a speaker and showcasing a song snippet not belonging to any previous recording of the band , hinting new music is about to be finished .

= = = 2015 ? present : Baksh 's return and 13 Voices = = =

On July 9 , 2015 , The band launched a PledgeMusic campaign for its comeback album On July 23 , 2015 , the band played its comeback show at the Alternate Press Awards , which featured former lead guitarist Dave Baksh , joining the band on stage 9 years after officially leaving the band . The band 's set also featured DMC as guest . Since the performance , rumors speculated that Dave had returned to the band rather than being just a guest . On August 14 , 2015 , Sum 41 announced through Alternative Press that Baksh had made his official return to the group , and will appear on the group 's sixth album . On December 26 , 2015 , Sum 41 teased two new songs on Instagram 's account . On January 1 , 2016 , Deryck Whibley published on the Facebook page that the new album is almost finished .

The band is set to perform on the 2016 Warped Tour . On May 11 , 2016 , the group announced its signing to Hopeless Records . On June 1 , 2016 , the band announced that an album was set to be released in the fall of 2016 . On June 6 , 2016 , the group announced that the album would be titled 13 Voices and that it is scheduled for release on October 7 , 2016 .

= = Side projects and collaborations = =

Before the release of Half Hour of Power and up until the departure of Dave Baksh , Sum 41 occasionally played as an alter @-@ ego 1980s heavy metal band called Pain for Pleasure during shows . The band appeared in Sum 41 's music videos for " Fat Lip " and " We 're All to Blame " and had at least one song on each of the band 's first three releases . The group 's best known song under the Pain for Pleasure moniker is the song of the same name from All Killer No Filler , a track that remains the band 's staple during live shows .

Sum 41 has collaborated with many other artists , both live and in the studio , among whom are Tenacious D , Ludacris , Iggy Pop , Pennywise , Bowling for Soup , Unwritten Law , Treble Charger , Nelly , Gob , Tommy Lee , Rob Halford , Kerry King , Metallica , and Ja Rule .

Shortly after touring for Does This Look Infected ? , Sum 41 was recruited by Iggy Pop for his album , Skull Ring . Deryck co @-@ wrote the first single from the album , " Little Know It All " , and joined Iggy on the Late Show with David Letterman to promote the song . Following the band 's September 11 , 2005 show in Quebec City , Quebec , the band went on a touring hiatus , although on April 17 , 2006 , Sum 41 played at a tribute to Iggy Pop , joining Iggy on stage for " Little Know It All " and " Lust For Life " .

During the band 's 2006 touring hiatus , Whibley focused on his producing career : he produced two songs for Avril Lavigne 's album The Best Damn Thing . Jocz recorded his first video as director for a Canadian band , The Midway State , and McCaslin started a side project with Todd Morse of H2O and Juliette and the Licks . McCaslin 's two @-@ person band , named The Operation M.D. , released its debut album , We Have an Emergency , in early 2007 . As well as playing bass , keyboards , and acoustic guitar , McCaslin contributed backing vocals as well as leading vocals on three songs . The album was co @-@ produced and mixed by Whibley . The group 's video for its first single , " Sayonara " , was directed by Jocz .

In December 2007 , McCaslin interviewed Slash of Velvet Revolver . They talked about Slash 's experiences while in Guns N ' Roses and his part in Velvet Revolver . The interview was part of a MySpace project and was posted on the site in three parts .

The 2010 video game Vancouver 2010 features Sum 41 's " Open Your Eyes " from Chuck as one of the game 's songs .

= = Musical style and influences = =

Sum 41 have been described as pop punk , skate punk , punk rock , nu metal , melodic hardcore , alternative rock and alternative metal .

The band 's style has been disputed by fans because of the complex combination of different musical styles and the more mature , serious , and heavy sound in later albums . The band 's EP Half Hour of Power is described as punk rock , skate punk and pop punk . All Killer , No Filler was described as pop punk and skate punk . Does This Look Infected ? has been described as punk rock , pop punk and melodic hardcore . Chuck was getting heavier opting out the original pop punk sound with strong metal influences and an alternative rock sound , but the band kept in touch with its punk rock and melodic hardcore roots , which created an even more mature side than the group 's previous effort . Critics have described Underclass Hero as a revival of the band 's pop punk style . Some of the band 's songs contain political @-@ social commentary ; " The Jester " is an " anti @-@ Bush screed " , " Underclass Hero " is a song about class struggle , and " Dear Father " is about Deryck 's absent father . The band 's most recent effort , Screaming Bloody Murder , marks a return to the direction of Chuck , with songs such as the title track or the Grammy @-@ nominated Blood in my Eyes featuring heavier guitar riffs . Opposite to the heavier direction , there are also tracks such as the second single Baby You Don 't Wanna Know whose style leans more towards a garage rock approach . The album furthermore features more experimental song structures , mostly evident in the piece A Dark Road Out Of Hell consisting of three tracks of the record .

Sum 41 have been influenced by bands like NOFX , Pennywise , The Vandals , Gob , Bad Religion , Rancid , Green Day , Metallica , Iron Maiden , Blink @-@ 182 , The Offspring , Megadeth , Slayer , Nirvana and The Beatles .

= = Internet videos = =

Touring in support of Chuck , the band played videos before its set which were deemed " unsuitable for children " . Controversy arose over some of the videos ' violent content . The group made several other videos , including Basketball Butcher and 1 @-@ 800 @-@ Justice , which were originally available exclusively on Sum 41 's now @-@ defunct fan club , The Goon Platoon .

Sum 41 's most recent internet video project is a " weekly series , " SUM 41 - Road to Ruin . The trailer was posted on January 8 , 2007 on the Sum 41 web page . The first episode debuted on January 21 ; it followed the band members ' exploits on the group 's Singapore 2003 tour . Since

then , the episodes have included footage of drunkenness in New Orleans , setting off a fire alarm in a hotel , and a feature about the band 's first tour manager . So far , the group has released ten episodes , with the group 's latest and as the group stated , its ' last ' for now being an episode that features the band 's guitar technician . The group also created a series of cartoons based on superhero " Stickman Moss " , who saved the world from anti @-@ punk figures who endangered the world of punk rock .

In December 2009 , the band launched a new daily update series from the pre @-@ production of the group 's upcoming fifth studio album . It was announced on the band 's Myspace page that the daily updates will run for the 2 ? 3 weeks of pre @-@ production . 13 video updates from the pre @-@ production were made and posted on the band 's official Myspace page .

= = Awards and nominations = =

Sum 41 has been nominated for seven Juno Awards and has won twice . In 2001 , the group was nominated for " Best New Group " at the Juno awards , but lost to Nickelback . The band was nominated for " Best Group " in the Juno Awards of 2002 but again lost to Nickelback . Also in 2001 , The album All Killer No Filler was nominated for " Best Album ; however , it lost to The Look of Love by Diana Krall . In 2003 , Sum 41 won a Juno Award for " Group Of The Year " . In 2004 , the group was nominated again , this time with Does This Look Infected ? for " Rock Album of the Year " , but lost to Sam Roberts 's We Were Born in a Flame . In 2005 , the album Chuck won " Rock Album of the Year " ; the group was also nominated for " Group of The Year " , but lost to Billy Talent . In 2008 , the band 's album Underclass Hero was nominated for the Juno Award " Rock Album of the Year " ; however , the album lost to Finger Eleven 's Them vs. You vs. Me . The group also has been nominated for three different Canadian Independent Music Awards . In 2004 , the band won a Woodie Award for " The Good Woodie (Greatest Social Impact) " . The band was also nominated for a Kerrang ! Award in 2003 for " Best Live Act " . On November 30 , 2011 , Sum 41 was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock / Metal Performance for the song Blood In My Eyes , however on February 12 , 2012 , the Foo Fighters won .

= = = Awards = = =

A select list of Sum 41 's awards and nominations .

= = Band members = =

Timeline

= = Discography = =

Studio albums

All Killer , No Filler (2001)

Does This Look Infected ? (2002)

Chuck (2004)

Underclass Hero (2007)

Screaming Bloody Murder (2011)

13 Voices (2016)