

= The Dykeenies =

The Dykeenies are a Scottish indie rock band from Cumbernauld , formed in 2005 . The group consists of brothers Brian Henderson (vocals , synthesizers) and Andrew Henderson (bass guitar , backing vocals) , along with Steven Ramsay (lead guitar , backing vocals) and John Kerr (drums , backing vocals) . Since their formation , they have released one studio album , Nothing Means Everything , accompanied by three singles . After a worldwide tour , the band began work on their second album , which was released in October 2011 . On 31 January 2012 , The Dykeenies announced that they have parted ways .

= = History = =

= = = Beginnings and King Tut 's (2005 ? 2006) = = =

The band played their first headline gig at the 350 @-@ capacity ABC2 , a small venue in Glasgow in late 2005 . The gig was a sell @-@ out show . In November 2005 , they were named as the inaugural " Artist of the Month " in the Your Sound competition ; a scheme run by Glasgow music venue King Tut 's Wah Wah Hut along with DF Concerts to project local unsigned talent . They would go on to play a sold @-@ out show at King Tut 's , despite only ever having appeared at the venue once before . As well as this , a demo version of the song " New Ideas " was included in Have Yourself a Filthy Little Christmas , a compilation album released as a free download by independent record label Filthy Little Angels on 12 December 2005 . They progressed to play an even bigger venue in Glasgow when they supported Mystery Jets at Glasgow 's Queen Margaret Union (one of two Student unions of Glasgow University) on 3 May 2006 , despite at this point never having released a single .

After winning the Your Sound competition , the band signed to King Tut 's Recordings . Again , despite having released little or no material at the time , the band were asked to play the " T Break " stage at T in the Park in Kinross , Scotland , on 9 July 2006 . A week later , The Dykeenies released their first single , a double a @-@ side " New Ideas / Will It Happen Tonight ? " . A video was recorded for the former track , featuring the band playing inside King Tut 's Wah Wah Hut . In September 2006 , the band signed to independent record label Lavolta Records .

Two months later , the band released their first EP through Lavolta , titled Waiting for Go . The release featured the title track , as well as tracks " Things You Cannot See " , " Feels Like Sleep " and " Dark Time " . It was produced by Jim Abbiss , who had previously worked with Arctic Monkeys , Kasabian and Bombay Bicycle Club ; and mixed by previous New Order and Kaiser Chiefs collaborator Cenzo Townshend . Following the release of the EP , the band were invited by NME to play on the first ever four band O2 Rock N Roll Riot Tour , alongside The Horrors , The Fratellis and The Maccabees .

= = = Nothing Means Everything (2007 ? 2010) = = =

The band were given another boost into the musical limelight with the help from Xfm Scotland (now Galaxy Scotland) . The radio station began by asking them to be a part of Xfm Scotland 's first ever " Winter Wonderland " gig , one of three one @-@ day winter music festivals taking place in venues across the United Kingdom . They were then called up again to support Maximo Park at Edinburgh 's Liquid Room as part of " Xfm Live Sessions " on 31 March 2007 .

Following numerous headline and support gigs in and around Glasgow between November 2006 and March 2007 , The Dykeenies released a new recording of " New Ideas " on 9 April 2007 , with previously unreleased tracks " Safe " , " Simplify " and " Layers " featuring alongside various remixes as b @-@ sides . The band marked the release with an extensive UK tour , including playing their first headline gig at Glasgow 's QMU , a venue they had previously only played supporting Mystery Jets . This single was the band 's first entry into the UK Singles Chart , reaching number 54 . The

band would release further singles " Clean Up Your Eyes " and " Stitches " between July and September 2007 , reaching number 53 and 61 , respectively .

The band released their debut album , Nothing Means Everything , on 17 September 2007 . They would again play the QMU in support of the album , a concert which was originally booked for Glasgow 's ABC , but was moved due to scheduling problems . During the concert , the band covered " Starman " by David Bowie , an artist they have stated as a major musical influence .

On 9 December 2008 , The Daily Record announced that guitarist Alan Henderson had left the band , leaving over " musical differences " . Vocalist Brian Henderson said that Alan was not seeing eye to eye on musical terms with the rest of the band . On 11 December 2008 , the band announced a one @-@ off date at King Tut 's on 18 February 2009 , their first gig since playing London 's Underage Festival on 8 August 2008 . The event sold out . A full tour was later announced , playing sixteen dates across the UK . Brian Henderson stated in an interview with The Daily Record that the band are currently experimenting with a number of new instruments , including bongo drums , acoustic guitars , and gospel choirs . Henderson added that the band are seven songs from finishing the album .

During the band 's March tour , they included new songs " Awake " , " Square Balloons " , " Minus One " , " Traps " and " Are You With Me Now ? " . The latter has been released as a free download through the band 's website and MySpace . The band 's new single " Sounds of the City " was released on 27 April 2009 , with an instrumental version of the song as a B @-@ side . As well as this , the band played a number of summer music festivals in 2009 , including T in the Park , Summer Sundae , and the Loopallu festival in Ullapool .

= = = Canyon of Echoes and split (2011 @-@ 12) = = =

The band announced on 18 July 2011 via their Myspace and Facebook accounts that their new album Canyon of Echoes will be released on 3 October 2011 . They will undertake a short UK tour to support the release . On 29 August 2011 they premiered the video for new single ' Awake ' on their official Facebook and YouTube channel .

In January 2012 , the Dykeenies announced their split .

= = Musical style = =

The Dykeenies ' musical style has been noted primarily as indie rock , with influences including The Cribs , Bloc Party and The Futureheads . Their musical style has also been compared to art rock and , more prominently , art pop . God Is in the TV Zine described " New Ideas " as sounding " like the first few tracks of Silent Alarm " , as well as comparing " Will It Happen Tonight ? " to We Are Scientists . Dykeenies have also stated that David Bowie is a major influence of the band , releasing a cover version of Starman as part of their Live at the Apple Store , Glasgow EP . One particular live review even linked the band to the short @-@ lived " New Rave " genre , as well as comparing lead singer Brian Henderson 's vocals to that of Brian Molko . Nothing Means Everything has been noted as being a more mature pop album , with " The Panic " in particular noted as having dark lyrical content .

= = Discography = =

= = = Studio albums = = =

Nothing Means Everything (2007)
Canyon of Echoes (2011)

= = = Extended plays = = =

Waiting for Go (2006)

Live at the Apple Store , Glasgow (2007)

== Singles ==

" ? " denotes releases that did not chart .