

= White Lies ( band ) =

White Lies are an English post @-@ punk band from Ealing , London . Formerly known as Fear of Flying , the core band members are Harry McVeigh ( lead vocals , guitar ) , Charles Cave ( bass guitar and backing vocals ) , and Jack Lawrence @-@ Brown ( drums ) . The band perform live as a five @-@ piece , when sidemen Tommy Bowen and Rob Lee join the line up . White Lies ' musical style has been described as dark yet uplifting by the media , drawing comparisons to Joy Division , Editors , The Killers and Interpol .

White Lies formed in October 2007 , after writing songs that they felt didn 't suit their original band . After delaying their first performance for five months to build up media hype , they earned a recording contract with Fiction Records days after their debut . The release of singles " Unfinished Business " and " Death " led to tours and festival appearances in the United Kingdom and North America , including a headline performance at BBC Radio 1 's Big Weekend and a place on the 2009 NME Awards Tour . At the beginning of 2009 , White Lies featured in multiple " ones to watch " polls for the coming year , including the BBC 's Sound of 2009 poll and the BRITs Critics ' Choice Award .

White Lies ' debut album To Lose My Life ... , released in January 2009 , hit number one on the UK Albums Chart . Their second album Ritual was recorded in 2010 , and released on 17 January 2011 . Big TV , their third studio album , was released on 12 August 2013 .

= = History = =

= = = Formation = = =

Charles Cave and Jack Lawrence @-@ Brown were both from Pitshanger Village in North Ealing , and first played together in a school show at North Ealing Primary School . Harry McVeigh ( from Shepherd 's Bush ) joined them two years later , and they began playing under the name Fear of Flying at the age of fifteen . Cave described the band as a " weekend project " , and one of many groups which they were involved in while at school . Fear of Flying completed one UK tour as a support act , as well as further slots with The Maccabees , Jamie T and Laura Marling . They released two double A @-@ side vinyl singles on independent record label Young and Lost Club , " Routemaster / Round Three " on 7 August 2006 and " Three 's a Crowd / Forget @-@ Me @-@ Nots " on 6 December 2006 . Both vinyls were produced by former Blur and The Smiths collaborator , Stephen Street , whom they met through a friend at school . They went on to play the inaugural Underage Festival in Victoria Park , England on 10 August 2007 .

Two weeks prior to the group starting university , they decided that they would take a second gap year , and perform new material which the band felt did not suit their current outfit . Cave stated that " I felt as though I couldn 't write about anything personal , so I would make up semi @-@ comical stories that weren 't really important to anyone , not even me . " Fear of Flying disbanded in October 2007 with a MySpace bulletin stating " Fear of Flying is DEAD ... White Lies is alive ! " , before introducing a darker sound and a new name that reflected their maturity . Cave stated that the band deleted their MySpace account " without any token farewell gigs " . McVeigh said that the current musical climate had an effect on the split , stating that " Maybe a few years ago , we would have signed a deal and had a chance to make three albums [ ... ] . In the current climate ... we ? d have been dropped " . When asked about the name change in an interview with a radio station in San Francisco , Jack Brown said that " We just thought that we should perform these songs as a different band . We had songs that we felt weren 't suitable for the band that we were in and we thought White Lies would be the perfect vehicle for the songs . "

= = = Early releases = = =

Playing under the new name , White Lies played their first gig at Hoxton Square 's Bar & Kitchen on

28 February 2008 , supporting Team Waterpolo and Semifinalists . The band admitted rehearsing for two months for the gig , as well as putting off their debut for five months to gather media hype . Following this , the band received numerous record label offers , eventually signing to Fiction Records a matter of days after their first performance . The band also signed publishing rights to Chrysalis Music Publishing . The band said they chose the name because " white lies are quite dark ... that 's how we see ourselves " and that white lies " protect the upsetting truths " of the band 's lyrics . Receiving airtime on BBC Radio 1 , Zane Lowe named " Death " his " Hottest Record in the World " on 5 February 2008 , despite the song having never been officially released . Radio 1 would go on to feature the band at Radio 1 's Big Weekend in May 2008 , where they headlined the BBC Introducing stage .

On 10 March 2008 , White Lies were announced as one of four bands taking part in the first ever NME New Noise Tour ( now the NME Radar Tour ) . The tour visited eleven cities in the UK throughout May 2008 . The band were first featured in the magazine in the issue dated 22 March 2008 , appearing in the " Everyone 's Talking About ... " section of their Radar article . Live Editor Hamish MacBain described tracks " Death " and " XX " ( later titled " Unfinished Business " ) - the only two songs available on the band 's MySpace - as " ... not to afraid of a little sincerity , not afraid of a little scale " . The band released their debut single one month later , a 7 @-@ inch vinyl of " Unfinished Business " on 28 April 2008 . The limited pressing was released by Chess Club Records , an independent record label co @-@ founded by drummer Jack Brown . To mark the release , the band supported dEUS in London 's Scala on 16 April 2008 , as well as a performance at the 2008 Camden Crawl .

= = = To Lose My Life ... ( 2008 ? 2010 ) = = =

They made their television debut on Later ... with Jools Holland on 30 May 2008 , playing " Unfinished Business " and " Death " . This marked their final public performance prior to recording their debut album , scheduling sessions in ICP Studios in Belgium and Kore Studios in West London . The album was provisionally titled To Lose My Life or Lose My Love , with a scheduled release date was set for January 2009 . The title came from a line in the album 's title track , " To Lose My Life " . During the summer of 2008 , the band played numerous UK and overseas music festivals , including major festivals Oxegen , T in the Park , and the Reading and Leeds Festivals . Beginning in September 2008 , the band played their first headline tour , performing thirteen dates in the United Kingdom . The tour marked the release of " Death " on 22 September 2008 , with a further six dates played in the United States in October 2008 . The tour included an appearance at the CMJ Music Festival in New York on 23 ? 24 October , alongside Jay Reatard , Amazing Baby and Violens . Following this , the band returned to support Glasvegas on their fifteen date UK tour in November and December 2008 . NME.com exclusively announced their debut album would be released on 12 January 2009 , with shortened title To Lose My Life .... The band preceded the album with the single release of " To Lose My Life " one week earlier . The full @-@ length video for " To Lose My Life " premiered exclusively on the band 's MySpace on 21 November 2008 .

On 11 November 2008 , NME announced that White Lies would be taking part in the 2009 ShockWaves NME Awards Tour , alongside Friendly Fires , Florence and the Machine and headliners Glasvegas . The annual tour , taking place in early 2009 , visited seventeen cities in the UK . On 7 February 2009 , it was announced in NME that the entire tour had sold out . On the Manchester tour date , the band dueted with Florence Welch to play " Unfinished Business " . The band would later also be announced for Xfm 's Winter Wonderland festival in London , as well as one of four bands playing NME 's Big Gig on 26 February 2009 .

At the beginning of 2009 , the band were featured in numerous polls as " ones to watch " for the coming year . The BBC placed them second in their Sound of 2009 poll , as well as coming third in the 2009 BRITs Critics ' Choice Award , behind Florence and the Machine and Little Boots . To mark the album release , " From the Stars " appeared as iTunes 's " Single of the Week " on 30 December 2008 , two weeks prior to the album 's release . In addition , the band played a Live Lounge session for Jo Whiley 's BBC Radio 1 show on 14 January 2009 , playing " To Lose My Life " as well as a

cover of Kanye West 's " Love Lockdown " . The cover was included as a b @-@ side to " Farewell to the Fairground " , released on 23 March 2009 .

Upon the release of To Lose My Life , White Lies became the first British act in 2009 to achieve a number one album , and the first album to debut at number one . After charting high in the midweek sales , the album beat off competition from Lady Gaga , The Script and Kings of Leon . In support of the release , the band played on Channel 4 's Shockwaves Album Chart Show , Last Call with Carson Daly and the Late Show with David Letterman , the latter being the band 's first performance on US television . Following supporting Snow Patrol on their tour of both Ireland and the United Kingdom , the band embarked on their own headline world tour , playing sold out dates across Europe , North America , Japan and the United Kingdom . While in North America , the band co @-@ headlined the NME Presents tour with Friendly Fires . The bands were supported by The Soft Pack , with White Lies headlining seven of the fifteen dates , including their first appearance at the South by Southwest festival . During the tour , the band were forced to play a shortened , six song set at New York 's Bowery Ballroom , due to McVeigh having throat problems . During summer 2009 , the band played a number of major UK and overseas music festivals , including Rock Werchter , Benicàssim , Coachella , Glastonbury , Isle of Wight , Lollapalooza , Oxegen , Radio 1 's Big Weekend , Reading and Leeds , Roskilde and T in the Park . " Death " was re @-@ released on 29 June 2009 . To mark the release , live performances from a selection of the band 's festival appearances were broadcast online through the band 's web player , titled " The Summer of Death " .

Also In September 2009 , White Lies performed as a support act for Coldplay , including a date at Wembley Stadium , where the band performed in front of a half full stadium . The band played as the first support act and was greatly received .

= = = Ritual ( 2010 ? 2012 ) = = =

In an interview with the BBC 's Newsbeat programme , McVeigh stated that due to the nature of the band 's songwriting techniques clashing with their difficult touring schedules , there will be no new White Lies material until 2010 . Despite this , McVeigh has mentioned that the ambitious recording of " Nothing to Give " and " The Price of Love " ( from To Lose My Life ... ) act as a taster of the different sound to come on their sophomore release . In September 2009 , the band released " Taxidermy " as a digital download through iTunes for the first time . A live favourite amongst fans , the track had previously only been released on the ( now deleted ) vinyl release of " To Lose My Life " . During the same month , the band supported Kings of Leon 's tour of the United States , and Coldplay 's tour of the United Kingdom . As well as this , the band played their own headline tour across Europe during October ? November 2009 , including some of their biggest shows to date in the UK . A number of the tour dates were later cancelled , due to McVeigh falling ill during their concert in Munich , Germany . Having fully recovered in time for the beginning of their UK dates , the tour continued as normal , with cancelled dates being rescheduled for February 2010 .

On 13 February 2010 , White Lies became the first high @-@ profile artist to perform at the FAC251 music venue in Manchester . The band played there again on 14 February , with tickets for the second show made available exclusively through the band 's website . The performances were the band 's only scheduled headline performances of 2010 . Both concerts sold out in a matter of minutes , with 38 @, @ 000 people applying for the 400 tickets available . As well as this , the band showed their mutual love of Muse at a number of European stadium shows between June and September 2010 , and played the 2010 V Festival in the United Kingdom .

During November 2010 , White Lies confirmed that their second album , Ritual , had been completed and would be released on 17 January 2011 . Produced by Alan Moulder , the album 's first single " Bigger than Us " was released on 3 January 2011 . An eleven date tour of the United Kingdom was also announced for February 2011 .

= = = Big TV ( 2012 ? present ) = = =

In an interview with NME in January 2013 , bassist Charles Cave revealed that the band 's third album is intended to be released in late summer , with one of the tracks promoting the record being called " Getting Even " . On 4 June 2013 it was revealed that the album , which was produced by Ed Buller and recorded earlier this year , will be titled Big TV . Also , the track list for the album was published and " Getting Even " was released as a free download . The first official single from the album , " There Goes Our Love Again " , was released on 5 August 2013 , with the album being released in the UK and Europe a week later , on 12 August 2013 through Fiction Records . It was released on 20 August 2013 in the US ( through Harvest Records ) , and in Canada ( Universal Music ) .

On 23 / 24 / 25 July 2013 , White Lies played 3 intimate shows at Hoxton Square Bar & Kitchen in London , celebrating the 5 year anniversary of the band 's first ever gig at the same venue . They played tracks from Big TV and some of their earlier songs in front of 300 fans each night . During their Summer / Fall 2013 tour , the band is scheduled to play more than thirty concerts in Europe and North America . In August 2013 they made their Main Stage debut at Reading and Leeds Festivals .

On 6 November 2013 , the band released a limited edition EP to celebrate their tour , called Small TV . The five @-@ track EP released on Fiction Records was limited to 1000 copies and features covers from Lana Del Rey and Prince in addition to new versions of their own tracks .

The band is currently working on their fourth studio album , after first being reported on in 2015 . In December 2015 , the band signed to Infectious Music for the release of the new record which will be mixed by David Wrench . Their fourth studio album , Friends , will be released on October 7 , 2016 .

= = Musical style and influences = =

As Fear of Flying , Banquet Records described the band 's second single as " Quite danceable indie " . The Guardian 's official website named them an indie @-@ pop band , stating " they made promising , if unremarkable , Franz Ferdinand @-@ styled pop with cheeky chappy lyrics " . In an interview with BBC London , they cited Talking Heads as a major influence . White Lies ' darker sound has been primarily compared to Joy Division , Interpol and Editors , as well as Arcade Fire , The Killers , Echo & the Bunnymen , Tears for Fears and The Teardrop Explodes . McVeigh 's singing voice has been compared to that of Ian Curtis and Julian Cope . When asked about the comparisons in an interview with ITN Music , McVeigh stated that " We weren 't alive during that period of music ... we 've never really been that into Joy Division , especially not the Editors ... or even Interpol really " , adding " I don 't think our music sounds a whole lot like those comparisons , I think we 're a lot more euphoric and uplifting " . As White Lies , the band have reiterated the influence of Talking Heads , both musically and in songwriting . As well as this , the band have stated that The Secret Machines are one of their main influences . In a commentary on a " Track by Track " interview on Spotify , one band member said that the band was influenced by The Cars , specifically how their guitar riffs on " Be Your Man " from the " Big TV " album was influenced by The Cars song " Just What I Needed " .

= = Band members = =

Harry McVeigh ? lead vocals , guitar ( 2007 ? present )

Charles Cave ? bass guitar , backing vocals , lyrics ( 2007 ? present )

Jack Lawrence @-@ Brown ? drums ( 2007 ? present )

= = Discography = =

To Lose My Life ... ( 2009 )

Ritual ( 2011 )

Big TV ( 2013 )

Friends ( 2016 )

= = Awards and nominations = =

= = = Awards = = =

2013 Best Album Artwork : Big TV

2009 MOJO Honours Lists : MOJO Breakthrough Award

2009 Q Awards : Best New Band

= = = Nominations = = =

2009 NME Awards : Best New Band

2009 MTV Europe Music Awards : Best Push Artist