

= Jape (band) =

Jape is an Irish electronic ? rock band from Dublin . Formed as a side project by Richie Egan whilst part of The Redneck Manifesto , they have released five albums to date ; Cosmosphere (2003) , The Monkeys in the Zoo Have More Fun Than Me (2004) , Ritual (2008) , Ocean of Frequency (2011) , and This Chemical Sea (2015) . Jape 's wider discography includes the EP , Jape is Grape (2007) , as well as a number of singles , including " Floating " and " Phil Lynott " . The band have performed at festivals and events such as Glastonbury , Electric Picnic , Lovebox and Hard Working Class Heroes and provided support for The Flaming Lips at Belsonic in Belfast in August 2008 .

The first and second albums received airplay on alternative national radio in Ireland . The Monkeys in the Zoo Have More Fun Than Me 's opening track , " Floating " , became a popular single on late night alternative music radio shows and attracted the attention of Brendan Benson during a visit to Dublin . Benson now covers the track whilst performing live with his band The Raconteurs , as do the Belgian bastard pop duo Soulwax during their DJ sets .

Jape 's third album , Ritual , was released in June 2008 , later winning the Choice Music Prize for Irish Album of the Year 2008 . The album features the singles " I Was a Man " , " Strike Me Down " and " Phil Lynott " , the latter of which was subject to an unsuccessful petition by fans to have it named Ireland 's Christmas number one single in December 2008 .

The album Ocean of Frequency was released in 2011 and won Jape their second Choice Music Prize in March 2012 .

= = Background = =

Richie Egan is the principal songwriter but refers to the overall band as Jape . This came about following his first few solo performances when he realised he did not wish people to consider him a singer @-@ songwriter but as part of a band . Egan has been part of many bands from a young age , and spent his youth experimenting with four @-@ track tape recorders and sounds . He was previously a member of the bands Black Belt Jones and Sir Killalot . After leaving Black Belt Jones he went on to become the bassist in the instrumental rock band The Redneck Manifesto of which he is still a member . He has occasionally toured as part of David Kitt ? s live band , as well as in Conor J. O 'Brien 's band Villagers as a bass player and with his bandmates in The Redneck Manifesto . By 2003 Egan had developed Jape after spending a week at the family home of fellow Redneck , Niall Byrne , in Avoca , County Wicklow .

= = Style = =

Egan has said that he started listening to music during puberty . He was initially influenced by 1960s melodic pop such as Simon & Garfunkel , later listened to American hardcore punk such as the Dead Kennedys , Minor Threat , Black Flag but listens to many styles of music overall . The single " Strike Me Down " has been compared to MSTRKRFT and the French synthpop quartet Phoenix . Memories of a childhood show by heavy metal band Mastodon led him to write the song " Phil Lynott " . He also enjoys newer Irish acts such as Villagers .

= = Career = =

Jape 's debut album , Cosmosphere , was released on the Volta Sounds label in 2003 . National broadcaster RTÉ suggested in its review that Jape was not a " convincing electronic producer " and that Egan did not have the voice of a singer @-@ songwriter , indicating its desire to see him remain with The Redneck Manifesto and refrain from any further activities under the pseudonym Jape . However , the album received airplay on national radio on shows such as Donal Dineen 's Here Comes the Night on Today FM .

Jape 's second album , The Monkeys in the Zoo Have More Fun Than Me was released by Trust Me I 'm A Thief Records in 2004 . It enjoyed much more success than its predecessor and contains

the well @-@ known single " Floating " which was given much airplay on late night alternative radio shows . The lead single " Floating " was famously overheard being played in Whelan 's in Dublin by the musician Brendan Benson . Benson immediately requested a copy of the album and then praised Jape in The Guardian ? however , the newspaper spelt it " Jabe " . He also rang Egan personally to inform him he would be covering " Floating " with his band The Raconteurs . However , Egan has stated that he did not give Benson personal permission to cover the song . He did witness the cover live at the Olympia Theatre and was later to describe it as " a great moment " . The single is also covered by Soulwax during their DJ sets . Jape participated in two nationwide tours with both David Kitt and The Redneck Manifesto to promote the album 's release . Kitt was co @-@ producer of " Floating " . The band went on to perform at prominent Irish festivals such as Electric Picnic and Hard Working Class Heroes .

A collection of remixes of the " Floating " single were released in June 2007 . A performance at the Lovebox festival in Dublin followed on 21 July that year . Jape recorded the EP Jape is Grape , due for release by V2 Records on 19 November 2007 . Despite V2 folding in October 2007 , the EP release went ahead and a nationwide tour of Ireland followed to promote what was the band 's major label debut . The band re @-@ signed to The Co @-@ Op.

Ritual , Jape 's first album in four years , was released under the Co @-@ op label on 4 June 2008 . It entered the Irish album charts at number fifteen , while the Irish Independent 's John Meagher named it his twentieth best Irish album of the 2000s . Ritual featured ten tracks , including " Streetwise " , " Graveyard " and " Strike Me Down " , all of which had previously been performed live . The album was preceded by the single " I Was a Man " , whilst a video for the song " Graveyard " , which was filmed in an actual graveyard in Dublin , was also released . There was a host of Irish and European dates and festival appearances to promote the album in June 2008 , including performances at the Róisín Dubh in Galway and Vicar Street and the Road Records music store in Dublin . Appearances alongside CSS , Battles and MGMT on the Park Stage and Dance Stage at Glastonbury in England on 28 ? 29 June and an appearance at the Ola Festival in Spain followed . Jape then opened for The Flaming Lips at Belsonic in Belfast on 11 August 2008 and performed a free show as part of Heineken Green Spheres in Cork alongside Donal Dineen on 19 November 2008 . Supporting Friendly Fires led to the English band remixing Jape 's " Strike Me Down " single . There was also an appearance at Electric Picnic 2008 to follow the appearance Electric Picnic 2006 . Tony Clayton @-@ Lea , writing in The Irish Times beforehand , said : " Suffice to say that if this whippet @-@ thin geezer isn 't one of the highlights of this year 's Picnic then that 's it ? we give up " . In December 2008 , Jape fans were behind an unsuccessful petition to have the single " Phil Lynott " become the Christmas number one single in Ireland .

As of March 2009 , Jape had six songs written for a fourth album . An appearance at Electric Picnic 2009 occurred , however , a performance at Pohoda in Slovakia did not occur , with Jape narrowly escaping a stage collapse which killed one person and injured more than 90 others . On 19 March 2010 Jape were announced as one of the first acts expected to perform at that year 's Indie @-@ pendence .

Jape released the album Ocean of Frequency in 2011 . Jape performed at the Eurosonic Festival in 2012 when Ireland was the " Spotlight Country " . Richie Egan has since left Ireland and moved to Sweden .

In January 2015 Jape returned with their fifth studio album This Chemical Sea . The record was proceeded by the single ' The Heart 's Desire ' and reached number 8 in Irish album charts . Following the album 's release Jape toured Europe , playing live shows across the continent .

= = Discography = =

= = = Studio albums = = =

= = = Extended plays = = =

= = Awards = =

= = = Choice Music Prize = = =

The nomination of Jape 's third album , Ritual , for Ireland 's Choice Music Prize was announced on 14 January 2009 .

Ritual 's victory was announced at a live ceremony held at Vicar Street , Dublin on 4 March 2009 . The prize included a cheque for ? 10 @,@ 000 , jointly provided by the Irish Music Rights Organisation (IMRO) and the Irish Recorded Music Association (IRMA) , and a specially commissioned award . Frontman Richie Egan joked about a rival nominee by saying : " They all deserve the award -- sure my mother even told me that Mick Flannery (nominated for his album White Lies) was going to win , she said you 're good , Richie , but he 's gorgeous " . The award was decided by a secret ballot after the twelve judges , who included Today FM presenter Ian Dempsey , decided that the decision was proving difficult due to a closeness in voting . Jape was amongst six of the nominees who performed at the event , with a three @-@ song set featuring earlier in proceedings .

When Lisa Hannigan was nominated for the Mercury Prize , Ed Power , writing in the Irish Independent , wondered how close Jape had come to receiving a Mercury nomination ? " Or , for that matter , how many of the judges had even heard of him " .

Ocean of Frequency was nominated for the Choice Music Prize in January 2012 and was announced as winner on 8 March 2012 , making Jape the first act to have won the award more than once .

= = = Meteor Music Awards = = =

Richie Egan received one nomination at the 2009 Meteor Awards for his band Jape . He lost to Mick Flannery in the Best Irish Male category at the awards ceremony held on 17 March 2009 .

= = = UK Music Video Awards = = =

" Floating " was nominated for Best Budget Video at the UK Music Video Awards in 2008 . Autamata , another Irish band , were also nominated for their video " Need You Sunshine " as were Example ? s video for " Me and Mandy " , Lise Westzynthius 's video for " Childlike Curves " and These New Puritans 's video for " Elvis " . The awards ceremony took place on 14 October 2008 in the Odeon West End in Leicester Square , London .