

= Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together =

" Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together " is the 22nd aired episode of the animated television series Phineas and Ferb . The episode aired originally on the United States Disney Channel on March 8 , 2008 . The plot concerns an attempt by Phineas Flynn and Ferb Fletcher to reform the band Love Händel for their parents ' wedding anniversary .

The story was written by Bobby Gaylor and Martin Olson , and storyboarded by Chris Headrick and Chong Lee . It was directed by series co @-@ creator Dan Povenmire . The episode 's central characters , the members of Love Händel , are parodies of three of the production staff , Gaylor , Povenmire , and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh . Jaret Reddick , Carlos Alazraqui , and Steve Zahn guest starred as the band members themselves .

" Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together " was well received and is considered a " fan favorite . " It has been referred to by the Phineas and Ferb co @-@ creators as one of their favorite episodes in several different interviews . The episode garnered a Primetime Emmy Award nomination for the song " I Ain 't Got Rhythm " in the category " Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics . "

= = Episode summary = =

Phineas and Ferb 's parents , Linda and Lawrence , are arguing over something Lawrence has forgotten . Linda goes out alone for the afternoon , leaving Lawrence confused ; then Candace informs him that today is his wedding anniversary . Lawrence goes to the garage to search for a gift and discovers an old album by Love Händel : he explains to the children that he and Linda shared their first kiss at the band 's farewell concert . Lawrence despairs of recapturing the moment , but Candace , Phineas , and Ferb watch a Where Are They Now ? -type special about Love Händel , and decide to reform the band . Candace tries to keep Linda away from the house while Phineas and Ferb are looking for the members of the band .

Meanwhile , the boys ' pet secret @-@ agent platypus , Perry , breaks into the hideout of his foe , the evil Dr. Doofenshmirtz , only to discover that he is only putting a birthday party for his 16 @-@ year @-@ old daughter Vanessa . Doofenshmirtz explains that he has been trying to give out the best birthday parties for her , but failed for some reasons , as she felt so extremely unhappy about her birthdays all her life ( this was evident of several birthday photos that Doofenshmirtz shows to Perry in his wallet ) . Seeing this , Perry agrees to set aside his rivalry and help Doofenshmirtz prepare for the party .

Phineas and Ferb set out to convince the members of Love Händel - lead singer Danny , bassist Bobbi Fabulous , and drummer Swampy - to reform . Danny alone agrees immediately , with a song ; the other two need convincing , through song as well . At the same time , Isabella and the Fireside Girls are starting the stage building . Lawrence , at the same time , tries to cater a small dinner and hires a singing telegram ; unfortunately , the dinner catches fire , and Lawrence 's hastily planned evening goes up in smoke . Phineas and Ferb arrive and assure Lawrence that all is well , explaining that the band has agreed to reform . Meanwhile , Candace continues keeping Linda away from the house by taking her to the mall to try on some dresses .

Doofenshmirtz , back at his lair , ties Perry to a giant firecracker rocket , explaining that he will end the party with fireworks and kill Perry at the same time . When Vanessa arrives , however , she hates the " girly " theme Doofenshmirtz has chosen and sits down to mope at a table , fearing that this would embarrass her in front of her arriving goth friends . At Phineas and Ferb 's house , Love Händel 's rehearsal descends into infighting ; sure that no one will want to hear them any more , the band are again on the verge of breaking up when they hear the roar of the crowd . Meanwhile , Doofenshmirtz mopes of failing another attempt of giving Vanessa a good party , so he decides to ignite Perry 's rocket to cheer himself up , but Perry frees himself and a fight ensues , during which Doofenshmirtz becomes tied to the rocket by accident instead . At the same moment the band begins to play ; Candace and Linda arrive home . Linda reunites with her husband , and eventually kiss , thanks to some motivation from Ferb , who yells to Lawrence to kiss her .

The explosion as Doofenshmirtz 's firecracker rocket launches leaves the lair filthy and partly destroyed ; the creepy look thrills Vanessa 's arriving goth friends , who find it to be cool . Touched by this , Vanessa happily thanks both her father for getting one birthday party right for her and Perry for helping her father out . As the rocket ascends , Doofenshmirtz is himself cursing Perry , as usual , but pauses to notice Love Handel singing below . The band finish their song just as Doofenshmirtz 's rocket explodes with a heart @-@ shaped flare . The episode ends with Love Handel singing " Music Makes Us Better " and with everyone ( including Doofenshmirtz , who has survived the explosion unscathed ) dancing .

= = Production = =

" Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together " was written by Bobby Gaylor and Martin Olson , with storyboards by Chris Headrick and Chong Lee . Series co @-@ creator Dan Povenmire directed the episode . Povenmire and Headrick had previously collaborated on a direct @-@ to @-@ video Looney Tunes short entitled Hare and Loathing in Las Vegas .

Each member of Love Händel was inspired by a member of the production team , who had previously been musicians themselves . Danny was named after and based on Povenmire , Bobbi Fabulous on Gaylor , and Swampy on co @-@ creator Jeff " Swampy " Marsh . Povenmire and Marsh each played in different bands in Los Angeles for over a decade . Gaylor was a spoken word performer who played pop and rock music ; he recorded an album titled Fuzzatronic Dreams .

As well as the show 's regular voice actor cast members , " Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together " featured guest stars in the roles of the three band members . Jaret Reddick ( the leader of the Grammy @-@ nominated band Bowling for Soup , who also perform the show 's regular , Emmy @-@ nominated theme song ) , Carlos Alazraqui , and Steve Zahn portrayed each of the bandmates .

= = Reception = =

Newsarama reporter Steve Fritz called the episode a fan favorite . Fritz praised it for demonstrating " incredible ways to play within the walls of [ the show 's ] formula , constantly coming up with refreshingly different plot lines . "

The episode was also popular among the production staff : Povenmire named it as his and Marsh 's favorite , citing the quality of the songs , the " sort of touching " ending , and the " really good feel " of the story . In April 2009 , Marsh cited " Rollercoaster " as his favorite , tying " Dude , We 're Getting the Band Back Together " in second place with " The Chronicles of Meap . "

One of the episode 's songs , " Ain 't Got Rhythm , " was nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award in the category " Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics " later in 2008 . The nomination credited Danny Jacob , Marsh , Povenmire , Olson , and Robert Hughes for the song . This was the series ' second Emmy nomination for songwriting .

= = = Legacy = = =

Love Händel made a cameo appearance in the season two episode " Thaddeus and Thor . " In this episode , Doofenshmirtz sings about his childhood to the tune of the song " Snuck Your Way into My Heart " , then introduces the band to finish the song . He then gloats to Perry about having the band appear in his " back story " . Three songs featured in the episode ( " Ain 't Got Rhythm , " " Fabulous , " and " You Snuck Your Way Right Into My Heart " ) are available on the self @-@ entitled Phineas and Ferb soundtrack . " Danny 's Story " and " Music Make Us Better " are not included . " Ain 't Got Rhythm " was voted # 8 on Phineas and Ferb 's Musical Cliptastic Countdown , a viewer @-@ voted countdown of the best songs from the first season of the show . The band also was seen in " Just Passing Through " as well as and " Hip Hip Parade " , and also sung two songs for Phineas and Ferb : Summer Belongs To You ! : " Bouncin ' Around the World " and " The Ballad of Klimpaloon " , the latter only available on the soundtrack . They also made an appearance in the " Carpe Diem "

song in " Rollercoaster : The Musical ! "