

= DecembeRadio =

DecembeRadio was an American Christian rock band formed in 2003 and composed of bassist and lead vocalist Josh Reedy , lead guitarist Brian Bunn , rhythm guitarist Eric Miker and drummer Boone Daughdrill .

Reedy , Bunn and Miker first ventured out on their own as DecembeRadio after a stint as touring band for evangelist Billy Wayne Arrington . After a year of gigging , DecembeRadio released two independent albums in early 2005 . Following their signing with Slanted Records and the addition of Daughdrill on drums , the band released DecembeRadio in June 2006 . The album was nominated for " Best Rock Or Rap Gospel Album " at the 49th Grammy Awards , and won the 2007 Dove Award for " Rock Album of the Year " . A follow @-@ up , Satisfied , was released in August 2008 . DecembeRadio dissolved in 2012 , and the members moved on to other musical projects .

Musically , DecembeRadio is heavily influenced by hard rock and blues @-@ rock from the 1970s , owing to early exposure to family members ' record collections . Their sound has been compared to that of Aerosmith , Led Zeppelin , The Black Crowes and Lenny Kravitz , among others .

= = History = =

= = = Early years = = =

The members of DecembeRadio all began playing music in their teens . Josh Reedy and Brian Bunn attended the same schools , and the former 's rendition of " Johnny B. Goode " on guitar at a middle school talent show convinced Bunn to take up guitar , as well . " Our first year of high school , we started a Top 40 band . We played Hootie & the Blowfish covers and that sort of thing . Then shortly thereafter , we realized that God had given us these gifts , and we wanted to utilize them for him , " recalled Bunn . The pair decided to pursue music full @-@ time upon graduation from Auburn High School in Riner , Virginia .

After a performance opening for evangelist Billy Wayne Arrington in Dublin , Virginia , Arrington invited Bunn and Reedy to join his touring band . Bunn credits Arrington with helping to alter the band 's focus : " We were playing music for God , but we didn 't really know why we were doing it . It was more so to be ' rock stars ' , per se , and just use God as a way to get there . And so he really helped us flip @-@ flop that and get it the way it should be . "

Eric Miker started playing guitar at the age of sixteen when his father taught him a few chords . After two years at West Virginia University , Miker felt a calling to go into Christian ministry . He met Bunn and Reedy at a youth event in West Virginia , where he impressed the pair with the " Sweet Child o ' Mine " guitar lick that he added to a worship song . Shortly thereafter , Miker joined the band full @-@ time , playing with Arrington for a few months before the trio ventured out on their own . The band came up with its name after Miker photographed an old radio with a calendar on top of it open to the month of December .

= = = 2004 ? 2005 = = =

DecembeRadio played scattered dates for churches and youth groups in 2004 with Bunn as the lead singer . However , Bunn contracted a virus that paralyzed three @-@ quarters of his vocal cords , and Reedy took over as lead singer . (Bunn regained most of his voice after therapy .) The band also found time to record two albums that were released independently in early 2005 . Noise was a self @-@ produced album of praise and worship covers on which each band member contributed at least two lead vocals , and Dangerous contained nine original songs and a cover of " Are You Gonna Go My Way " by Lenny Kravitz . Dangerous was produced with Scotty Wilbanks , whom the band met through Arrington .

Mississippi native Boone Daughdrill joined the band in late 2005 ; he had previously toured with Kimberly Perry , Jump5 and ZOEgirl . " We got Boone 's phone number from [Wilbanks] about a

year ago . We called him up and were like , ' We need a drummer for this stint of dates . ' We met him at the airport and as soon as he walked off of the plane and gave us a big hug it was like we 'd known him forever and we decided to keep him ! " said Bunn . Wilbanks also arranged a showcase performance for DecembeRadio in front of record company executives , leading to the band ' s signing with Slanted Records in December 2005 .

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The band ' s first album for Slanted was recorded at Southern Tracks Recording in Atlanta , Georgia , in early 2006 with Wilbanks in the producer ' s chair . The self @-@ titled album was released on June 27 , with lead single " Love Found Me (Love ' s Got a Hold) " released to radio two months prior . Second single " Drifter " was released in August and slowly climbed the charts , finally peaking at number 5 on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart on December 30 . Tour dates in 2006 were split between residencies at youth camps , one @-@ off gigs at churches and schools , and the occasional festival date . In December , the band was nominated for a Grammy Award for " Best Rock Or Rap Gospel Album " . They were hanging out in a guitar shop when they received the call from the president of their label ; " We were kind of shocked but honored to have our first album be nominated for a Grammy , " Miker said . The band lost to Jonny Lang at the awards ceremony a few months later .

DecembeRadio continued playing gigs and releasing singles from DecembeRadio to radio in early 2007 , and then joined Superchick ' s Generation Rising Tour for a string of dates in April and May . More accolades came the band ' s way with their nomination for four Dove Awards (" New Artist of the Year " , " Rock Album of the Year " , " Dangerous " for " Rock Recorded Song of the Year " , and " Drifter " for " Song of the Year ") , though their only win was for " Rock Album of the Year " .

= = = Satisfied = = =

Recording for DecembeRadio ' s fourth album began in September 2007 , again at Southern Tracks Recording . The band took a break in October and November to headline their own Drifter Tour , which also featured Nevertheless , Superhero and Bread of Stone . Near the end of the tour , Slanted Records released an expanded edition of DecembeRadio , which included a new track recorded during the aforementioned recording session . The song , " Find You Waiting " , performed similarly to " Drifter " , climbing slowly and not reaching its peak position of No. 5 on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart until April 5 , 2008 .

Recording of the band ' s fourth album continued in early 2008 , but the sessions were again interrupted for a major tour , this time in support of Third Day in March and April . Soon after the tour ended , DecembeRadio finished recording the album , which was titled Satisfied and released on August 26 . " It ' s got a real southern feeling , definitely ' Crowes @-@ ish ' and swampy , " said Reedy of the album . Satisfied debuted at its peak positions of number 116 and 3 on the Billboard 200 and Top Christian Albums charts , respectively . Following a two @-@ month break , DecembeRadio embarked on a month @-@ long headlining tour in support of Satisfied with guests Ruth , Sevenglory and Billy Wayne . A digital @-@ only EP entitled Comfort & Joy was released on November 25 , 2008 . The EP contains covers of three Christmas songs : " God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen " , Chuck Berry ' s arrangement of " Run Run Rudolph " and an instrumental version of " Away in a Manger " .

DecembeRadio began a two @-@ month North American tour in support of Newsboys in February 2009 . The following year , the band released a live album on both CD and DVD in March , and Daughdrill left DecembeRadio in September to join The Band Perry . A five @-@ song EP , Southern Attic Sessions , was released on March 15 , 2011 .

= = = Dissolution = = =

DecembeRadio played its last concert on November 8 , 2012 . No announcement of the band ' s

dissolution was ever made , but in 2013 the three remaining members formed a secular country music trio called JEBtown , which played at least one show in Nashville and filmed a music video for a studio track . By 2014 , the band members had moved on to other projects . Josh Reedy toured as a bass player with Chris Cagle , then joined Thomas Rhett 's band as a keyboardist and guitarist . Brian Bunn had a stint as a touring guitarist with Third Day , then joined Reedy in Rhett 's band . Eric Miker became a youth pastor and worship band musician at Jewel City Church in Shinnston , West Virginia .

= = Musical style and influences = =

DecembeRadio 's music is strongly influenced by hard rock and blues @-@ rock from the 1970s , be it directly through artists like Aerosmith and The Rolling Stones , or through later interpreters such as The Black Crowes and Lenny Kravitz . The band 's label , Slanted Records , also notes the influence of Porcupine Tree , Audioslave and other contemporary rock bands . In addition , their music has been compared to U2 , Stone Temple Pilots and King 's X. " We feel like God has called us to a musical style that is not represented as much as , say , more modern , harder edged bands . We are bringing the old school to the new school , " says Josh Reedy .

The band members credit family members with introducing them to rock music through old collections of vinyl records . Boone Daughdrill cites " When the Levee Breaks " as his biggest influence . " When I heard that drum fill come in the intro ... oh ! I was a little kid and my uncle had all of the Zeppelin records . He was a drummer too and he would always be like , ' Man , check these guys out . ' I was only three or four and I didn ' t know what music was , but I knew that I loved that . "

Brian Bunn and Eric Miker credit Eric Clapton and Keith Richards , respectively , with their interest in taking up guitar . Bassist Reedy started out on guitar , as well , stating that his inspiration was either " Crossfire " or " The House Is Rockin ' " by Stevie Ray Vaughan . " I was really into blues before anything else , " said Reedy .

= = Members = =

Brian Bunn ? lead guitar , vocals (2003 ? 12)

Eric Miker ? guitar , vocals (2003 ? 12)

Josh Reedy ? lead vocals , bass guitar (2003 ? 12)

Boone Daughdrill ? drums , percussion (2005 ? 10)

= = Discography = =

Dangerous (January 2005 , independent)

Noise (January 2005 , independent)

DecembeRadio (June 2006 , Slanted)

Satisfied (August 2008 , Slanted)

Live (March 2010 , Slanted)

Southern Attic Sessions (EP) (August 2011 , Slanted)

= = Awards = =

= = = GMA Dove Awards = = =