[Template:Use mdy dates](/wiki/Template:Use_mdy_dates" \o "Template:Use mdy dates) [Template:Infobox musical artist](/wiki/Template:Infobox_musical_artist) **DNCE** is an American [pop rock](/wiki/Pop_rock) band. The group consists of members [Joe Jonas](/wiki/Joe_Jonas), [Jack Lawless](/wiki/Jack_Lawless), Cole Whittle, and [JinJoo Lee](/wiki/JinJoo_Lee). The group signed with [Republic Records](/wiki/Republic_Records), who released their debut single "[Cake by the Ocean](/wiki/Cake_by_the_Ocean)" in 2015. The song had success in various territories, reaching number 9 on the [*Billboard* Hot 100](/wiki/Billboard_Hot_100) chart.[[1]](#cite_note-1) Their debut extended play, [*SWAAY*](/wiki/Swaay) (2015), received a generally positive reception upon release. They also were nominated for Favorite New Artist for the [2016 Kids' Choice Awards](/wiki/2016_Kids'_Choice_Awards) and Best Song to Lip Sync and Best Anthem for the [2016 Radio Disney Music Awards](/wiki/2016_Radio_Disney_Music_Awards).

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## Career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

The idea for DNCE first came about while Jonas and Lawless were living together, though the project was put on hold due to the duo's busy schedules.[[2]](#cite_note-2) Jonas, Lawless, and Lee officially came together to form DNCE in 2015, with work on their debut studio album beginning shortly afterwards.<ref name=iHeartRadio>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> Though work on the project had already begun, the group struggled to find a fourth member to fit into the band.<ref name=formation>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> Jonas began working with songwriter [Justin Tranter](/wiki/Justin_Tranter), of Semi Precious Weapons, for DNCE's debut album; this led to Jonas and Whittle becoming friends and ultimately adding him to the group.[[3]](#cite_note-3) The group named themselves DNCE after the name of a song written for the album, which lyrically speaks of being too drunk to spell the word "dance".[[4]](#cite_note-4) Jonas later added the group decided on the name as it described the "imperfect awesome[ness] of the four of [them] together."[[4]](#cite_note-4) JinJoo later added that much like the spelling of the word, you don't have to be a perfect dancer to dance in life.[[5]](#cite_note-5) The group began performing secret shows in [New York City](/wiki/New_York_City) to rehearse for their upcoming tour and promotional performances.[[6]](#cite_note-6) The band made an official [Instagram](/wiki/Instagram) account in September 2015; Joe later posted a teaser video for the band on his account, tagging the band's official page, on September 10.[[7]](#cite_note-7) The group released their debut single, "[Cake by the Ocean](/wiki/Cake_by_the_Ocean)", on September 18, 2015.[[8]](#cite_note-8) Though starting out slow, the song went on to become a success in numerous territories. The song peaked at number 9 on the *Billboard* Hot 100, and at number 7 on the Canadian Hot 100.[[9]](#cite_note-9) The group released their debut extended play, [*SWAAY*](/wiki/SWAAY), on October 23, 2015.[[10]](#cite_note-10)[[11]](#cite_note-11) The four track album received a generally positive critical reception upon its release, with [*Entertainment Weekly*](/wiki/Entertainment_Weekly) writing that it "splits the difference between [Joe's] former band’s slick power pop and the electro-kissed pop stylings of his solo album."[[12]](#cite_note-12) The band embarked on a fourteen-date tour in November 2015, known as the Greatest Tour Ever.[[13]](#cite_note-13) All fourteen scheduled dates for the tour sold out.[[14]](#cite_note-14) The tour received critical praise, and featured unreleased songs as well as covers of older classics.[[15]](#cite_note-15) The group has announced plans to release their debut studio album in August 2016.[[3]](#cite_note-3) On January 31, 2016, DNCE made a cameo during [Fox's](/wiki/Fox_network) television special [*Grease: Live*](/wiki/Grease:_Live); a live production of the Broadway musical [*Grease*](/wiki/Grease_(musical)). The band performed as Johnny Casino and The Gamblers during a high school dance scene, which incorporated a 1950s-inspired rendition of "Cake by the Ocean" and a cover of [The Crickets'](/wiki/The_Crickets) "[Maybe Baby](/wiki/Maybe_Baby_(song))" alongside the *Grease* songs "Born to Hand Jive" and "Rock & Roll Is Here to Stay". In an interview with [*Rolling Stone*](/wiki/Rolling_Stone), Jonas explained that DNCE was approached by the producers of the special following a show in New York City, and that he had always been a fan of *Grease*.[[16]](#cite_note-16) The band will join [Selena Gomez](/wiki/Selena_Gomez) as opening acts for her [Revival Tour](/wiki/Revival_Tour).[[17]](#cite_note-17) On April 22, 2016 the band appeared on [BBC One's](/wiki/BBC_One) [*The Graham Norton Show*](/wiki/The_Graham_Norton_Show), performing their debut song.[[18]](#cite_note-18)

## Influences[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

The band's influences include the [Electric Light Orchestra](/wiki/Electric_Light_Orchestra), [Sly and the Family Stone](/wiki/Sly_and_the_Family_Stone), [Weezer](/wiki/Weezer), [Earth, Wind & Fire](/wiki/Earth,_Wind_&_Fire) and [Hall & Oates](/wiki/Hall_&_Oates).<ref name=seven>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>

## Members[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

* [**Joe Jonas**](/wiki/Joe_Jonas): lead vocals (2015–present) – Jonas first rose to prominence as a member of the [Jonas Brothers](/wiki/Jonas_Brothers), a pop-rock band that had much success with music and acting.[[19]](#cite_note-19) The group released four studio albums from 2006 to 2009, selling over 17 million albums worldwide.[[20]](#cite_note-20)[[21]](#cite_note-21) Jonas released a [solo debut album](/wiki/Fastlife) in 2011[[22]](#cite_note-22) to a mixed critical and commercial performance.[[23]](#cite_note-23)[[24]](#cite_note-24) Despite the Jonas Brothers recording their fifth studio album in 2013, the project went unreleased and the band officially ended.[[25]](#cite_note-25)\***Cole Whittle**: bass guitar, keyboards, backing vocals (2015–present) – Whittle rose to fame as the bass player for [Semi Precious Weapons](/wiki/Semi_Precious_Weapons).[[26]](#cite_note-26) The band released three studio albums during their run, with their final release coming in 2014.[[27]](#cite_note-27)\*[**JinJoo Lee**](/wiki/JinJoo_Lee): guitar, backing vocals (2015–present) – Lee, from South Korea, like Lawless, previously toured with acts such as the Jonas Brothers, playing the guitar.<ref name=mtvbio>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> She was a member of [CeeLo Green's](/wiki/CeeLo_Green) touring band from 2010 to 2011, and later worked with [Charli XCX](/wiki/Charli_XCX).[[28]](#cite_note-28)\*[**Jack Lawless**](/wiki/Jack_Lawless): drums, percussion, backing vocals (2015–present) – Jack Lawless played drums for the Jonas Brothers from their Marvelous Party Tour (2007)[[29]](#cite_note-29) until their disbandment. Lawless and Jonas were roommates, with Lawless continuing to perform with the band on subsequent tours.<ref name=interviewmag>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> In 2010, Lawless became the drummer for alternative rock band [Ocean Grove](/wiki/Ocean_Grove_(band)); the group released their debut extended play in 2011.[[30]](#cite_note-30)

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* [*Swaay*](/wiki/Swaay) (2015)

## Filmography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

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| Television | | | |
| **Year** | **Title** | **Role** | **Notes** |
| 2016 | [*Grease: Live*](/wiki/Grease:_Live) | Johnny Casino and the Gamblers | Television special |
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## Concert tours[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

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Headlining

* Greatest Tour Ever Tour (2015–16)[[31]](#cite_note-31);Opening act
* [Revival Tour](/wiki/Revival_Tour) [Template:Small](/wiki/Template:Small) (2016)[[17]](#cite_note-17)[Template:Col-end](/wiki/Template:Col-end)

## Awards and nominations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

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| **Year** | **Award** | **Category** | **Nominee** | **Result** | **Ref.** |
| 2016 | [Kids' Choice Awards](/wiki/2016_Kids'_Choice_Awards) | Favorite New Artist | Themselves | rowspan="4" [Template:Nom](/wiki/Template:Nom) | [[32]](#cite_note-32) |
| [Radio Disney Music Awards](/wiki/2016_Radio_Disney_Music_Awards) | Best New Artist | [[33]](#cite_note-33) |  |
| Best Song to Lip Sync | "Cake by the Ocean" |  |
| Best Anthem |  |
| [Teen Choice Awards](/wiki/2016_Teen_Choice_Awards) | Choice Music: Group | Themselves | [Template:Pending](/wiki/Template:Pending) | [[34]](#cite_note-34) |
| Choice Music: Breakout Artist | [Template:Pending](/wiki/Template:Pending) |
| Choice Summer Music Star: Group | [Template:Pending](/wiki/Template:Pending) |
| Choice Music Single: Group | "Cake by the Ocean" | [Template:Pending](/wiki/Template:Pending) |
| Choice Music: Party Song | [Template:Pending](/wiki/Template:Pending) |  |

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