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As 2023 drew to a close, The **Cockney Rejects'** guitarist and founder, **Micky Geggus**, after much soul searching, decided to leave the band that he created in 1979.

Along with original Rejects' bassist, **Vinny Riordan**, Mick decided to break free from the confines of punk rock and to embark upon a project that encompassed his first love: hard, heavy, and at the same time, melodic, Rock. Mick's love of rock music will be of no surprise to any fans of the Rejects, as the band confirmed their passion for more traditional rock sounds as far back as their **Pete Way** (**UFO**) produced album 'The Wild Ones' in '82.

Having already written several songs, Mick began a series of trips to producer Kevin Poree's Canterbury studio where he began to lay down the tracks that would become the basis of the Punchdrunk Saints' debut album.

Along with bassist, **Riordan**, and drummer, **Reg Downer**, the songs began to take on a distinct personality and feel, ranging from hard 'n' heavy anthems to searing, soulful ballads. This was exactly the mix that Geggus had envisaged. Now the search for a singer who could do justice to the material began.

Acting on a tip from Mick's East London guitarist friends, (former Iron Maiden and Lionheart guitarist) Dennis Stratton, and Dave Edwards (who played in Remus Down Boulevard with Dennis Stratton and in Ramrod with Rory Gallagher), Mick discovered inexperienced but brilliant vocalist, Marc Salmon. The pair soon took the trip down to Poree's studio in Canterbury and the results were phenomenal. "He'd done his homework," said Geggus. "I was blown away by the control and power he demonstrated in that first session. I thought 'fuck me, we really got something here. This band is gonna be incredible!"

Fast forward a year, and the debut Punchdrunk Saints album is here. From the opening stomp of "Holy Mother" to the anthemic first single "I Wanna Know What It's Like" and the heartfelt, uplifting "Come Home", the Punchdrunk Saints debut is a 10-track masterclass in anthemic hard rock with every song a crafted gem in its own right. This album is refreshing, vital and new and if there's any justice in this world it deserves to be heard at maximum volume in stadia across the globe!

Sadly, neither Vinny nor Reg could commit to the band long term, but Mick and Marc were soon blessed with the arrival of powerhouse drummer, **Chris Nedzynski**, and brilliant bass player for **Leader of the Down**, **Tim Atkinson**. Tim is the co-founder of Leader of the Down, who up until his passing in 2011, featured the late, great **Würzel** from **Motörhead**, and he has worked in the past with legends such as **Lemmy**, **Whitfield Crane** from **Ugly Kid Joe** and **Bruce Foxton** from **The Jam**, to name just a few). Tim and Chris both constitute a mighty rhythm section in what is now a unique outfit.

Punchdrunk Saints recently played their debut show at London's legendary 100 Club to an ecstatic audience in an incendiary performance that surpassed already lofty expectations and included a guest appearance on guitar from former **Iron Maiden** six-stringer, **Dennis Stratton**.

Make no mistake, the **Punchdrunk Saints** are here to stay. And then some.

Album track-listing:

- 1. Holy Mother
- 2. I Wanna Know What It's Like
- 3. Days Of Our Lives
- 4. A Prayer For Tomorrow
- 5. I Know Where To Find You
- 6. Your Time Is Done
- 7. Dirty Dreams
- 8. Fortunate Son
- 9. Over You
- 10. Come Home

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