

COUSIN SIMPLE

American Modern Rock Band Columbus, OH



Sold Out Shows & Music Festivals & Highlights

Wonderbus Music & Arts Festival

Loyal to the Craft Tour presented by VANS & SJC Custom Drums

Van's Warped Tour Performance
Blossom Music Center

Abercrombie & Fitch Challenge

PromoWest A&R Music Bar / 400+

PromoWest The Basement / 200+

CD102.5 Big Room Bar / 200+

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9 song studio L.P.

2 single E.P.

Drummer / SJC Custom Drum Artist

COMING SOON! 2nd Full-Length Studio Album

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COUSIN SIMPLE / THE BAND

Harsh Hoag, frontman, founding member of Cousin Simple. Lyricist and decidedly better at dancing than playing guitar. Harsh fuels the band by bringing a charismatic energy and personality like nothing ever seen before.

Joel Lorenz, drummer, SJC artist, with the beats to get your feet stomping in no time. A young gun with an attitude influenced by punk rockers everywhere. Joel's high tempo and passionate play brings a fun and exciting edge to the band's music and live shows alike.

Ryan Ulibarri, lead guitarist, founding member of Cousin Simple. Devilishly cute, hardworking, and constant melody maker for the boys. An unforgettable stage presence that matches beautifully with Harsh like bread goes with butter.

Mitch Whittaker, tireless bass and keyboardist, founding member of Cousin Simple. Mitch brings the live show to another level with dangerous stunts but also a smile on his face. The most normal guy in the band and that's pretty weird.

HISTORY

It was not until the band's victory in Groove-U's 2017 annual high school battle of the bands that the band first gained traction in the local music scene and became part of a Columbus' club and festival circuit.

In September of 2017, Cousin Simple released its debut full length L.P. titled *And We Would Never End*. Described by Grant Walters of The Columbus Underground as "a solid, cohesive collection of songs that are especially strong vehicles for Hoag's youthfully gritty vocal," the album became a landmark of the band's songwriting skills and dedication that allow Cousin Simple to fulfill their title as "an emerging Columbus success story" (Walters).

The band placed second in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's High School Rock off (Ohio's largest battle of the bands competition) in Cleveland in February of 2018. In the spring of 2018, the band released two singles: "Rockstar" and "This Is a Robbery" and sold out their first headlining show at the A&R Music Bar to a crowd of 400+.

Cousin Simple is known for their thoughtful songwriting, catchy lyrics, and live shows filled with youthful energy, fueled by Harsh's charismatic onstage persona. Cousin Simple is gaining momentum in Columbus as one of the city's top up and coming bands and are working to build up to the hype of being "the next big band" –April Kulcsar (music promoter / booking agent for OAR, Young the Giant and several other touring acts).

Recorded 2019 release of Honeybee with multi-platinum producer and A&R executive from Los Angeles, David Kershenbaum. Studios - Sonic Lounge & Oranjudio

MUSIC

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PRESS

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