

SAGA OF CHAOS MANTRA

Chaos Mantra began as a band called The Way Out, heralded by current vocalist Orion "O" Rose and friends Ian Devere on bass, Glenn Ridner on guitar, and Dakota Pattison on drums. A Sacramento based band, the crew began writing their own songs and playing at local venues like the Starlight Lounge and, the Sacramento music scene staple, the Boardwalk, and even released their own self-produced music video. As their roster of events grew, the band recruited current member Ryan De La Torre as their guitarist to round out their sound, and changed their name to Dead Celebrities.

During this era, the band continued to record, write, and perform, and could frequently be found at Pistol Pete's in Auburn, CA, enjoying the hospitality of the local crowd. As the band grew in talent and person, Dakota stepped away from the band and current member Jesse "Doc Runii" Van Norman joined as the new drummer. Shortly after, Ian stepped away and was replaced by bassist Travis Carrier, and, with a final name change, Chaos Mantra was born.

2018 was a fast-paced time for the band which saw a massive amount of growth in terms of talent, relations, and popularity. With such deep roots in the Sacramento scene, the band was able to establish relationships with their long-time favorite venues like the Boardwalk, Powerhouse, Blue Lamp, On the Y, and the Colony, and were frequently found at the locations whether as patrons, performers, or even employees. The local scene was a significant factor in developing the drive and character of the band. They could be found at House of Hits Recording Studio, helping other band's load their gear, sitting in on practices, or simply hanging out with friends of personal and professional acquaintance.

In collaboration with VetTracks, the band performed, on multiple occasions, for VetStock, a local charity event for veterans and their families, bringing in donations and fans to the event. Chaos Mantra also collaborated with Blue Lamp to present their own shows, hosting bands Gurschach and Chasing Desolation to a packed house. On several occasions, the band was recruited by Sacramento promotion company BitCrusherPresents to open up for international names such as CKY, Necrogoblikon, and CrazyTown, an accomplishment the band wears with pride. Besides working along the local music scene, the band also partnered with the school American River College, where they had the privilege of working hands-on with a professional recording studio, in order to aid the students working on music production degrees.

Alongside these collaborations, Chaos Mantra worked diligently to write and produce their own album, "Precursor." With no professional recording studio of their own, vocalist Orion "O" Rose could be found stowed away in drummer Jesse "Doc Runii" Van Norman's closet, with a microphone and lyric sheet, screaming and singing his way to complete the album. Many of the band's songs were written in each other's bedrooms, kitchens, and living rooms. Wherever they were, Chaos Mantra was writing, and their original song "Dour" even received radio time on Sacramento radio channel 98Rock multiple weeks in a row.

The album "Precursor" was released in August of 2018 to an eager, ever-growing fanbase. Accompanied by temporary management Vera Leigh Music, the band hosted an album release show, which sold out the then-new venue Holy Diver. The location was packed full of friends and fans, and the band still holds gratitude to the scene for making the accomplishment happen.

Chaos Mantra never stopped pushing, and began their venture outside of their beloved Sacramento scene. The year following their album release was full of travel from all across California and out of it, seeing places like Toot's Tavern in the Bay Area and Skatehouse Skatepark in Lake Tahoe.

One of the crowning achievements of the band was traveling to Santa Ana to perform at the legendary Yost Theater as openers for the Bon Scott Tribute show, playing alongside The Black Mongoose, Breaking the Law, and Six Gun Sal. Following the show, the band interviewed with Bionic Buzz, detailing their custom lightshow, musical influences, and future plans.

At the tail end of 2019, the band made the decision to move to Los Angeles, CA to follow their dream of playing on the same stages as their idols and influences in Beartooth, Gojira, and Avenged Sevenfold. Unfortunately, this meant a departure from guitarist Glenn Ridner and bassist Travis Carrier.

Chaos Mantra is now led by Orion "O" Rose as vocals, Ryan De La Torre on bass, and Jesse "Doc Runii" Van Norman on drums. The band is looking to recruit new members to join their dream, and are currently recording and producing their second album, set to be released in the coming year.