

HEADPHONES JONES

PERFORMING
& RECORDING ARTIST



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*"If you like soulful fusion bands like Saskwatch, The Cactus Channel and Cat Empire, you're sure to fall in love with **Headphones Jones**." - Happy Mag*

BAND BIOGRAPHY

Headphones Jones are a Melbourne based collective that perform energetic dance music strongly influenced by traditions from around the world - such as American Funk, Cuban and Brazilian Folkloric music and Nigerian Afrobeat. The band features between eight to eleven members and performs both vocal and instrumental tunes with a focus on creating irresistible energy and taking audiences on storytelling journeys.

Founded in 2014, the band has grown from its humble beginnings playing house party shows to performing at the **Eltham Jazz Festival**, **MOOMBA** and the **Brunswick Music Festival** as well as packing out venues all over Melbourne. Other career highlights include supporting touring Canadian artist **Alysha Brilla**, performing at afrobeat band **Alariiya's** album launch (supported by **Multicultural Arts Victoria**) and the band's shows at **The Night Cat**, one of Melbourne's most popular dance venues. The band has earned a reputation for their on stage antics with venues such as the **B. East** saying: "*Headphones Jones are absolutely one of the most fun colourful bands we've EVER had! DON'T MISS THEM!*"

The band independently recorded, released and distributed their first single, '**Gym Junkie**', and four track EP, '**Hectic Zebra**' in 2018. Both were recorded at **Pughouse Studios** in Thornbury and all songs on the EP have been played on community radio stations around the country. Online magazine **HappyMag** reported that '*the instrumentation and execution of Gym Junkie is nothing short of musical brilliance.*'

In 2019 the band followed that up with an 80s horror inspired music video for **Gym Junkie** which they launched with an interactive theatrical funk experience at **The Evelyn Hotel**, complete with sets and themed games for the audience. Reviews included '*people just don't do things like this*' from Disco Jesus's frontman.

The music video was also directed and edited by band leader Sam Osborn and featured frontwoman Mel Taylor as the lead actress, with the band playing supporting roles as well as doubling as the film crew for the shoot.

Headphones Jones are known for their innovative 'can do' approach, catchy tunes, and memorable live performances, and have been invited back by every venue they have performed at.



Live at The Night Cat - photo by Max Hopkins



Live at The Evelyn Hotel - photo by Felipe Paz

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Eltham Jazz Festival 2020
- Supporting touring Canadian artist Alysha Brilla 2019
- 'Gym Junkie' music video launch party 2018
- MOOMBA 2019
- Brunswick Music Festival 2019
- Australia wide radio play of 'Hectic Zebra' on community radio stations 2019
- 'Hectic Zebra' EP launch party 2018
- Performing at Alariiya's album launch at the Toff (supported by MAV) 2017

VENUES PERFORMED

The Night Cat, Cherry Bar, Boney, The Toff In Town, Globe Alley, Bellville, Ding Dong Lounge, The Gasometer, Howler, The Spotted Mallard, The Eveleyn Hotel, The Melba Spiegelent, Open Studio, The B.East, Bar Oussou, The Penny Black, Bar 303, Bar Open, Revolver, Dizzy's Jazz Club, The Grace Darling, The Worker's Club

RELEASES



'Gym Junkie'
Music Video
16.08.19



'Hectic Zebra'
4 Track EP
14.12.18



'Gym Junkie'
Single
25.08.18