

THE TAZMANIAN DEVILS

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The TAZMANIAN DEVILS in 1980 and in 2018

Bay Area rockers The TAZMANIAN DEVILS originated in Marin County, California, and erupted on the Bay Area club scene back in the late 1970s. Their unique style; an original blend of r&b, rock, reggae, and 80s “New Wave”, blended together with colorful, original songs and energetic performances, created a huge following of "Tazmaniacs" – many of whom still enjoy the band today.

The musical ground swell they created in the early 1980s led to the release of two Warner Bros. LPs; “The Tazmanian Devils” and “Broadway Hi-Life”. The group also won the coveted BAMMIE (Bay Area Music Magazine award) for “Best Bay Area Club Band” in 1981. Many local music fans and music critics consider their live EP, “TAZMANIAN DEVILS LIVE” (recorded at Keystone Berkeley in 1982) to be a true classic. The band still performs on occasion in clubs, at festivals and at private events around the North Bay Area.

Along the way, “TAZ” also played several major concerts, sharing the stage with The Starship, Tower of Power, Peter Tosh, Huey Lewis & the News, Greg Kihn and others. The bandmates’ roots actually go back to the 1960s when they played together in high school in 1967 (at Tamalpais and Drake high schools) and consider their relationship to be a "a musical brotherhood". After their 1983 'break up' they kept in touch with jam sessions and a few select shows during the 90s. They returned again in 2006 with the release of their most recent CD, “TAZ NUVOUX” (produced by bassist Duane Van Dieman), signaling the beginning of a new era.

Highlighted by the soaring, soulful deliveries of lead singer Dennis Hogan and lead guitarist Dave Carlson and the solid, driving rhythm section of drummer Barry Lowenthal and bassist Duane Van Dieman, The TAZMANIAN DEVILS most recently have been performing as a quartet, minus their old friend, the extraordinary keyboardist/singer/songwriter, Pat Craig (who still pops in from time to time). The band is always working on new material as they continue to perform live shows for loyal fans, both old and new.

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