

DENZEITY

- **Five accomplished rock musicians**
- **Emotionally driven melodic rock**
- **Impressing audiences and venues alike**



Denzeity is five professional musicians who've come together to bring the music of guitarist/vocalist Simon Denzley to live audiences.

Formed from session players and led by Simon, who's passion is to infuse the music with palpable live energy, the band have been impressing audiences and venue owners with energetic tight sets and memorable songs. Recent reviews have said "Powerful Passionate vocals, Hendrixesque guitar, tight percussion and a keyboardist like Ian Curtis losing control".

Stylistically they have been described as a modern cross between Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin with some Crowded House and Jeff Buckley thrown in.

Before Denzeity

Simon started to gain industry attention after recording and releasing his song 'History' independently. TV/ Music video plugger Matt Connolly was one of the people impressed enough to get on board and started pushing the song, together with Simon's low budget video to his TV producer contacts. The feedback was outstanding - people loved the song but the video wasn't glossy enough for TV. So Matt suggested pushing for live TV performances instead.

This meant a top quality live band was needed. But Simon didn't want to just get anyone together. He wanted a band of amazing musicians with energy and flair who loved the material and wanted to be part of a long term project. He also wanted interesting characters who would compliment each other and form a solid team without all being cast from the same mould. And also people who would bring new ideas to the project and enjoy socialising together when not on stage.

Where they came from was secondary, so long as they could happily get to rehearsals and gigs in London. The group that came together, all professional session musicians, were all used to working in London, however they come from as far away as Cardiff and Birmingham making them possibly the most spread out band in the UK.

Forming Denzeity

Of the existing line-up, Paige Proctor was the first recruited after Simon saw her drumming on some grime videos and really liked the energy and intensity of her work. Though only 22, Paige has done session work for Simon Little (Kasabian's producer), Andrew Hunt (MPG Producer of the Year) and is also the live drummer for Everyone You Know.

The band went through several guitarists, bass players and keyboardists over some months until guitarist Mike Gibbons happened upon the video for History and loving the track, decided to make contact. Earning his living playing with numerous household names, Mike wasn't looking to join a band but when Simon came round for a jam that morphed into a pub crawl ending with free beers for them performing together at a local bar, it cemented Mike's place in the band.



The band, still without a name, caught the attention of a music manager who was one of Mike's contacts, and of legendary rock producer Nick Tauber (Thin Lizzy, Venom, Toyah Willcox, Marillion) who despite them not even having played a live gig together, wanted to work with the band.

This led to the keyboardist and bassist at the time bowing out as they couldn't make the commitment that would be required. A talented young keyboard player, Gary Cunningham came on board, having just toured for a year with the Signatures, followed soon after by Bora Bekiroğlu, recently moved to the UK from Istanbul where he was one of the country's top session bassists. The name Denzeity was decided on between Gary and Bora joining.

Working as Denzeity

The line-up now complete, the band soon started to impress small crowds and venue owners with remarkable musicianship and tight, energetic, entertaining shows. Comments like "Absolutely flipping brilliant", "Great energy and such a cool sound", "Awesome", "Blown away" and "Musical Genius" were coming not only from punters but people in the music industry who know something good when they see it.

With each individual member having had a myriad of experience both in the studio and performing live and there being more experienced 'musical directors' than not, they all have a common ground and mutual respect while working together. A mutual enjoyment of relaxed irreverence while socialising, had helped make what would appear on the outside a pretty diverse group into a solid team.

Denzeity is currently playing gigs (mostly around London) to build up a following while planning to go into the studio to record new material over the next few months. Look out for an EP soon...

The history of Denzeity is told in far greater detail through the various events that have shaped the band, as detailed in the band blog.

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