Gorillaz Bio

Created by musician Damon Albarn and artist Jamie Hewlett, Gorillaz is singer 2D, bassist Murdoc Niccals, drummer Russel Hobbs and guitarist Noodle. The BRIT and Grammy-winning virtual band formed following a collision of mishaps, meetings and pure luck to blow up a pre-digital world with their colorful backstory and ground-breaking virtual ways. Based at Kong Studios in West London, Gorillaz settled into a life of musical innovation with an eye-wateringly exciting roster of collaborators, a list that includes musical legends, geniuses and future stars from Elton John to Little Simz, MF DOOM to Jean-Michel Jarre, Grace Jones to slowthai, Kali Uchis to Sidiki Diabaté, plus so many more. With seven albums to their name, *Gorillaz* (2001), *Demon Days* (2005), *Plastic Beach* (2010), *The Fall* (2011), *Humanz* (2017), *The Now Now* (2018) and *Song Machine: Season One – Strange Timez* (2020), Gorillaz is a truly global phenomenon, achieving success in entirely new and unique ways, touring the world from San Diego to Syria, Montevideo to Manchester and winning numerous awards including the coveted Jim Henson Creativity Honor.

Originally based at Kong Studios in West London, the group of musical misfits have now relocated to Silverlake, California as they recruit new members to join '<u>The Last Cult</u>', in search of the one truth to fix the world. *Cracker Island* (2023), the eighth studio album from Gorillaz, is coming on February 24th 2023, an energetic, upbeat, genre-expansive collection of 10 tracks featuring yet another stellar line-up of artist collaborators: Stevie Nicks, Adeleye Omotayo, Thundercat, Tame Impala, Bad Bunny, Bootie Brown and Beck. Recorded in London and LA earlier this year, it is produced by eight-time Grammy Award-winning producer/multi-instrumentalist/songwriter extraordinaire Greg Kurstin, Gorillaz and Remi Kabaka Jr. * The band is recognized by The Guinness Book Of World Records as the planet's Most Successful Virtual Act.

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