

MUCKY PUP

BIOGRAPHY

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Mucky Pup began as an American hardcore band formed in Bergenfield, New Jersey in 1985, when brothers John (drums) and Chris (vocals) Milnes joined up with Dan Nastasi (guitar) and former Hades member, Scott LePage (bass). The band went through various incarnations and several musical style changes while gaining minor success in both the USA and Europe. Arguably, their breakthrough moment occurred when Berke Breathed picked their songwriting contest entry for release with a 1987 *Bloom County* comic strip compilation. However, their European success, based on strong tours and charting for the 1989 *A Boy in a Man's World* album, surpassed all recognition achieved in their home country.

For a comprehensive history of the band visit:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mucky_Pup

New Jersey comedic hardcore metallists Mucky Pup paved the way for such future juvenile acts as the Bloodhound Gang (look no further than some of their song titles -- "You Stink But I Love You", "Death by Cholesterol", "Hippies Hate Water," "She Quieffed," etc.). The group originally formed in the mid-'80s, comprised of members Dan Nastasi (guitar), John Milnes (drums), Chris Milnes (vocals), and Scott LePage (bass), which led to numerous local shows and two demos that sold well. This led to a deal with the independent Torrid label, as the group issued albums on a steady basis for nearly ten years: 1987's *Can't You Take a Joke?*, 1989's *A Boy in a Man's World*, 1991's *Now*, 1992's *Act of Faith*, 1993's *Lemonade*, 1995's in-concert *Alive and Well*, and 1996's *Five Guys in a Really Hot Garage*. Although Mucky Pup never broke out of the metal/hardcore underground in the U.S., they achieved much greater success overseas in Europe. The group split up by the late '90s, as founder Nastasi (who had left the group a few years prior) achieved moderate success with a similarly styled outfit, *Dog Eat Dog*. In February of 2000, Mucky Pup reunited for a one-off show in New Jersey. 2008 marks the 20th Anniversary for the band and will be celebrated with a mini-tour featuring the all star lineup found on the NOW record, Chris Milnes, Dan Nastasi, Marc DeBacker, John Milnes and Kevin Powers.

~ Greg Prato, [All Music Guide](#)

