

# THE OUTCASTS

The Outcasts were formed in Belfast in 1977 by three brothers, Martin, Colin and Greg Cowan and Getty (Colin Getgood).

They recorded 8 singles, 2 tracks on 2 eps and 3 studio albums. 2 singles, 2eps and 1 album were for the legendary Good Vibrations record label. 1 later track got day time national UK radio air-play and reached the lower end of the UK charts. They recorded 3 sessions for the famous BBC broadcaster, John Peel, appeared 3 times on UK national tv music programmes; the Old Grey Whistle Test, Jools Hollands The Tube etc.

The band toured regularly in the UK and Europe and took part in the legendary punk festival in Leeds in 1981; Christmas on Earth. They split in early 1985, three years after the death of original drummer Colin (Cowser) Cowan.

The Outcasts reformed in 2011 to play Rebellion Festival, in England which they have been invited to play every year since and played again in 2018. They are featured in the critically acclaimed and BAFTA nominated movie, Good Vibrations, they are also featured in an Arte documentary [ a popular art TV series made in France ], which was shown in 2014 in France, Belgium and Germany; also a number of compilation and live albums have also been released.

Since they reformed The Outcasts have toured constantly in the UK, Ireland and across Europe and toured a lot in 2017, playing a number of festivals, this was part of their 40th Anniversary Tour, including North West Calling in Manchester, Rebellion in Blackpool [the largest alternative festival in the world], where they played two sets; 1 electric and 1 acoustic in 2017 and again in 2018, Punk& Disorderly in Berlin and Belsonic Festival, with SLF, The Stranglers and Rut DC.

Colin (Getty) Getgood, one of the original guitarists, died of a brain tumor in 2015, he had not played with the band since 1985 and had declined to join when The Outcasts reformed in 2011.

A musical play at the Belfast Lyric Theatre called as the movie 'Good Vibrations' is currently showing the band in their teenage years alongside the Undertones and Rudi.

In 2019 The Outcasts will be releasing a 4 track ep on vinyl (5 tracks on cd) of new material for a US Record Label. Also a double gatefold album of all their singles, both sides, plus some sessions and live recordings will be released by another US Record Label based in Japan and will feature notes by Martin Cowan explaining how he wrote each song, period photos and period press articles. The Outcasts will be touring Japan in early May, 2019, and the US end of the year.