

Atomic Punks

A Tribute To Van Halen



About

Atomic Punks focus on early Van Halen from the David Lee Roth era. Based in Los Angeles and formed in 1994, the band has played well over 2000 shows across the United States.

Their history includes direct praise and onstage connections from the Van Halen camp. In his 1997 autobiography *Crazy from the Heat*, David Lee Roth called Atomic Punks the best tribute to Van Halen ever. He later hired original Atomic Punks guitarist Bart Walsh for his DLR Band tours from 1999 to 2001. Walsh's replacement, Brian Young, was then hired by Roth in 2002 for his national tour with Sammy Hagar.

Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony has also performed sets with Atomic Punks on three occasions. In 1997 in Pasadena, California, he said, I feel like I am back in 1982 performing with the old band! He joined them again at the House of Blues in Anaheim, California on January 31, 2003, playing nine songs: *Runnin' With The Devil*, *Hot For Teacher*, *Somebody Get Me A Doctor*, *Light Up The Sky*, *You Really Got Me*, *Panama*, *Bottoms Up!*, *Mean Street*, and *On Fire*.

The band's live approach is built around the sound and stage feel of vintage Van Halen rather than a loose interpretation. Fans have pointed to Brian Young's close recreation of David Lee Roth's live persona, including the costumes, scream, and vocal delivery associated with that era. Current guitarist Lance Turner covers Eddie Van Halen's classic guitar parts and live style, while original members Joe Lester on bass and Scott Patterson on drums anchor the rhythm section. Joe and

Lance also handle the backing vocals heard on the early Van Halen material.

Atomic Punks have long made their position clear onstage: they are not trying to be Van Halen. They are a band dedicated to playing early Van Halen with accuracy, energy, and obvious respect for the original material. For buyers looking for a tribute centered specifically on the David Lee Roth years, the focus is clear and the track record is substantial.

Short bio

The Atomic Punks recreate early Van Halen—the David Lee Roth era—with a note-for-note performance feel, signature vocals, costumes, guitar sound, backing vocals, and a power-packed stage show. Formed in 1994, they have performed well over 2,000 shows throughout the United States.

Full press bio

The Atomic Punks are a tribute to early Van Halen, focused on the David Lee Roth era. Formed in 1994, they have performed well over 2,000 shows throughout the United States. Their power-packed stage show recreates the era's guitar sound, vocals, costumes, backing vocals, energy, and note-for-note performance feel. Current guitarist Lance Turner recreates Eddie Van Halen's classic sound, while Brian Young recreates David Lee Roth's live persona. Original Punks members Joe Lester and Scott Patterson provide the rhythm section, with Joe and Lance adding signature backing vocals. The band makes clear that they are not Van Halen—they simply love to play old Van Halen.

Tagline

Early Van Halen's David Lee Roth era, recreated live by The Atomic Punks

Photos







Performance videos

- [Performance video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15klKcp0VhQ)
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Setlist

- Runnin' With The Devil
- Eruption
- You Really Got Me
- Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love
- I'm The One
- Jamie's Cryin
- Atomic Punk
- Feel Your Love Tonight
- Little Dreamer
- Ice Cream Man
- On Fire
- You're No Good
- Dance The Night Away
- Somebody Get Me A Doctor
- Bottoms Up

- Outta Love Again
- Light Up The Sky
- Spanish Fly
- D. O. A.
- Women In Love
- Beautiful Girls
- And The Cradle Will Rock
- Everybody Wants Some
- Fools
- Romeo Delight
- Tora! Tora!
- Loss Of Control
- Take Your Whiskey Home
- Mean Street
- Dirty Movies
- Sinner's Swing
- Hear About It Later
- Unchained
- So This Is Love?
- Where Have All The Good Times Gone?
- Hang "Em High
- Cathedral
- Secrets
- Little Guitars
- The Full Bug
- Jump
- Panama
- Drop Dead Legs
- Hot For Teacher
- Girl Gone Bad
- House Of Pain
- Yankee Rose

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