

# DANGER DANGER

For **Danger Danger**, good things seem to come in twos. Formed in 1987 by founding members **Bruno Ravel** (bass) and **Steve West** (drums), and rounded out by **Ted Poley** (vocals) **Andy Timmons** (guitar) and **Kasey Smith** (keyboards), it didn't take long for the band to be noticed by **Epic Records' Lennie Petze**. Petze, who had earlier discovered **Cyndi Lauper and Aldo Nova**, to name a few, made Danger Danger the first signing to his newly minted **Imagine Records** imprint. Released in 1989, the self-titled **Imagine/Epic** release struck gold. While touring with **Kiss, Alice Cooper, Warrant and Extreme**, the band smashed out two hit singles at both radio and **MTV** - the now classic **Naughty Naughty**, and the highly infectious **Bang Bang**. Good things for Danger Danger did indeed, come in twos.

1991 saw the release of **Screw It!** With extensive touring and overwhelming press coverage, **Screw It!** actualized two hits, **Monkey Business** and **I Still Think About You**. Another tour with **Kiss**, this time in Europe, and a second sold out headlining tour of Japan, solidified Danger Danger's place in the rock world. Now a hot commodity, success could be seen night after sold-out night, whether they were opening for the biggest rock acts or headlining venues on their own.

In 1993, Danger Danger recorded their 3rd disc for **Sony - Cockroach** - however, due to legal wrangling, the album wouldn't see the light of day until eight years later. Upon completion of the album, the band parted ways with lead singer **Ted Poley**. Needing a replacement, friend and former **Elektra** recording artist, Canadian **Paul Laine** stepped in. The lead vocals were re-recorded with Laine and the album was back on the release schedule. Soon thereafter, the band and Sony were both hit with lawsuits from the departed singer, thus causing Sony to decide it was in their best interest to shelve the record. Eventually, the band amicably parted ways with the label.

In 1995, Ravel and West formed **Low Dice Records**, and released their first album for the label - **Dawn**. Conceived during this dark chapter for the band, the record was somewhat of a departure from their earlier work, reflecting a somber and introspective tone both musically and lyrically.

1998 saw the release of **Four The Hard Way**, a return to the band's original melodic rock roots. The album was heralded as a classic in the genre, receiving rave reviews throughout the world.

**The Return Of The Great Gildersleeves** followed in 2000. It too, was greeted with stellar reviews from critics and fans the world over, further helping cement the band's reputation.

In 2001, the long awaited and eagerly anticipated **Cockroach** was finally released. In a joint venture with Sony Music, **Low Dice Records** issued a 2 CD set featuring both versions of the album. Disc one features vocalist **Laine**, while disc two features original lead singer **Ted Poley**. The response was overwhelming. The album consistently landed on top ten lists everywhere. It has been hailed as Danger Danger's finest album to date.

In 2002, **VH1** voted the group one of the "top 40 hairbands of all time," landing at number 25, and featuring them in their hit special **VH1's "Top 40 Hairbands Of All Time."** Later that year, the band scored another coup when their song **Naughty Naughty Christmas** was featured in the #1 movie in America - **Disney's "The Santa Clause 2."**

2003 was filled with many highlights, beginning with the release of **Rare Cuts**, a collection of unreleased and rare tracks. Following the success of the album, the band triumphantly returned to the UK (after a ten year absence) and Spain, wowing fans and critics alike. The end of the year also saw the release of the critically acclaimed **We Wish You A Hairy Christmas**, a collection of Christmas songs featuring some of the biggest "hair bands" of all time. Singling out the band, **Rolling Stone** had this to say: "Danger Danger's **Naughty Naughty Xmas** affirms that beneath all the hair spray, the Eighties-metal boom included a bunch of totally rocking **Cheap Trick** tribute bands." More praise came as **Guitar For The Practicing Musician** magazine declared Danger Danger's self-titled debut one of the "**50 Greatest Guitar Albums Of The '80s.**"

After an eleven year absence, 2004 saw the return of original vocalist **Ted Poley**. The re-united band's first show was in front of 25,000 people at the prestigious **Sweden Rock Festival**. Danger Danger's performance was hailed as one of the highlights of the three day festival, garnering rave reviews from both fans and critics alike.

2005 - 2007 saw tours of the US, Europe & Japan.

2007 - **Razor & Tie** release **Monster Ballads Xmas** featuring **Naughty Naughty Christmas**.

2009 - Danger Danger celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their classic debut with the release of a highly anticipated new album featuring the reunited members. A world tour will follow.

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