

Atomic Punks

A Tribute To Van Halen

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About

The Atomic Punks – The Ultimate Tribute to Early Van Halen

Formed in 1994, The Atomic Punks are the definitive tribute to early Van Halen, celebrating the iconic David Lee Roth era with raw energy, precision, and explosive showmanship. Dedicated to faithfully recreating the sights and sounds of Van Halen's original lineup, the band delivers scorching renditions of legendary tracks like "Runnin' with the Devil," "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love," "Eruption," "Unchained," "Panama," "Hot for Teacher," "Dance the Night Away," "Jamie's Cryin'," and many more. Every performance captures the blistering guitar work of Eddie Van Halen, the thunderous rhythm section of Michael Anthony and Alex Van Halen, and the wild, charismatic vocals of David Lee Roth.

Over the past three decades, The Atomic Punks have performed thousands of shows nationwide, rocking stages in cities such as Hollywood, San Diego, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Seattle, Denver, Honolulu, Andover, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and most recently, Salt Lake City. One of their most meaningful stops remains Pasadena, California—the birthplace of Van Halen and the ground zero of the band's legendary rise.

The Atomic Punks were voted “Best Tribute Band” three years in a row by LA’s Rock City News, earning a reputation as the gold standard in tribute acts. Their authenticity and high-octane performances have won them a devoted national following and accolades from fans and peers alike.

Throughout their long history, The Atomic Punks have featured a lineup of talented musicians who have gone on to join or perform with major acts. Notably, past member Ralph Saenz, who performed as David Lee Roth in the band under the name “Michael Diamond,” later became better known as “David Lee Ralph” before founding the glam-metal revival band Steel Panther. Other alumni have included top-tier musicians deeply rooted in the hard rock and metal scenes, contributing to the band’s legacy of professionalism and musical excellence.

With a sound that’s loud, proud, and pure Van Halen, The Atomic Punks continue to honor the spirit of the band that changed rock 'n' roll forever..

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.

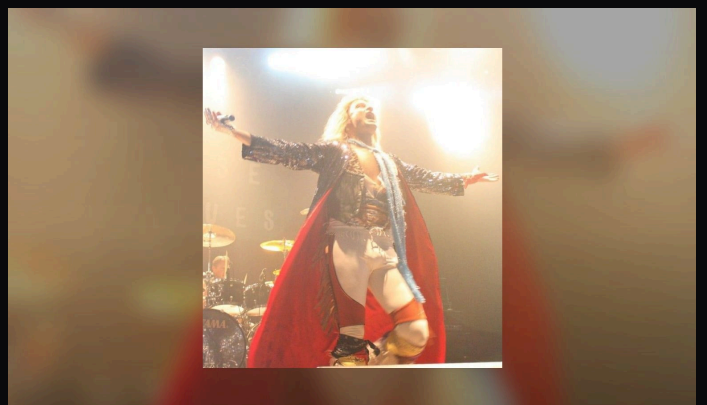
Full press bio

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=15kIKcp0VhQ)
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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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