

DANTE & THE MIRRORS



BIOGRAPHY

Dante & the Mirrors is the musical collaboration of songwriter Jason Lerman and musician Jackson Wargo. Lerman's songs are regularly compared to artists such as Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen, and Wargo's production style is as informed by Brian Wilson as it is by Kevin Shields.

Their sophomore LP *Everybody Bring Your Troubles* (hence EBYT) was released on Doughnut Records on February 17th, 2023 and received the Congressional Recognition award. Drawing inspiration from areas as diverse as *The Divine Comedy* and *The Book of Job* to football and the moon, Lerman's lyrics on *EBYT* seek to explore the dynamics of the human condition and serve as an invitation for all people to experience its joys & sufferings together. *EBYT* was recorded live at Studio Red (Burbank, CA) between 2019 and 2022 and was co-produced by Wargo and Adam Lasus (*Lilys, Yo La Tengo*). Along with Lerman & Wargo, the album features performances by guitarist Andrew Shewell, organist Dan Reckard, and Lerman's brother, guitarist Ryan Lerman.

At its genesis in 2014, the band was based in Seattle, WA before relocating to Long Beach, CA in 2018. Their first releases were covers on compilations released by Practice Room Records. In 2016, the band independently released their debut album *Where They Go* co-produced by Wargo and musician/filmmaker Tyler Taormina (*band: Cloud; Dir. 2019 film Ham on Rye*), which was supported by a tour of the west coast of the US and Canada. In 2018, they contributed a cover song for a Cloud tribute album called *The Desperation Club* (released on Audio Antihero, 2018). In 2019, Dante & the Mirrors performed at Resident (Los Angeles, CA) with Neil Hamburger. And in February 2020, they held an artistic residency at Vine (Long Beach, CA).

They are currently in production of their third LP.

Music

- “*The Cave*” (First Single off of *Everybody Bring Your Troubles*) – Feb. 2023
<https://open.spotify.com/album/79fKe4ffzRTanwwTDzuFyM?si=oriMXjFKStm3p-XfjrS6A>
<https://danteandthemirrors.bandcamp.com/track/the-cave>
- “*Knock Knock*” (Second Single off of *Everybody Bring Your Troubles*) – Feb. 2023
<https://open.spotify.com/track/7BdZMMuqQHriP6boESYKua?si=eKc4-uRKQpGJae4Q0lu8aw>
<https://danteandthemirrors.bandcamp.com/track/knock-knock>
- *Everybody Bring Your Troubles* LP – Feb. 2023
https://open.spotify.com/album/4EQNWdLiT5hPPfW7Zfqzkd?si=GgRIId2EhS-y6sDP3MZ32_A
<https://danteandthemirrors.bandcamp.com/album/everybody-bring-your-troubles>
- *Where They Go* LP – Spring 2016
<https://open.spotify.com/album/7B6plsCYIf2qK85JKTnGTo?si=ewPxzoKASQy yq1cUtySWAg>
<https://danteandthemirrors.bandcamp.com/album/where-they-go-2>

Press and Reviews

- “Thank you for your contributions to the cultural fabric of our nation and for your dedication to the arts.” – Rep. Robert Garcia, US House of Representatives, California’s 42nd District
- “*Everybody Bring Your Troubles* plays like a tent revival setting up shop in the corner of your favorite dive.” – Jake Mazon, Merry Go-Round Magazine
- “Lerman’s exploration of the human condition throughout his songs are bound to contain something relatable for everyone” – Jake Mazon, Merry Go-Round Magazine

Highlights & Achievements

- Congressional Recognition Award for *Everybody Bring Your Troubles* LP by California’s 42nd Congressional District, Rep. Robert Garcia, US House of Representatives – 2023
- Artistic Residency at Vine (Long Beach, CA) – 2020
- Resident (Los Angeles, CA) supported by Neil Hamburger – 2019
- Appearance on *The Desperation Club – A Cloud Tribute Compilation* – 2018, Audio Antihero
- Seattle Folk Festival – 2015
- West Coast Tour (Vancouver through Los Angeles) – 2016
- Band line-up past & present include filmmaker Tyler Taormina, and members of Jamestown Revival, Ben Folds, Winter, Antonioni, Cloud, and Snowball ii
- Appearance on *Secret Admirer, PRR Plays the Hits, Easy (Spring Compilation #2)* – compilations released by Practice Room Records (2014 – 2016)

Social & Streaming Links

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