



Harry Hunks

Harry Hunks was founded in Helsinki, Finland, in the turn of the Millennium by Matti Eräsaari (vocals, guitar), Olli Moilanen (percussion, backing vocals) Matti's patrilateral cross-cousin Antti Ahokas (keyboards) and Jaakko Laine (bass). Jaakko quit the band in 1999, which brought about the most experimental or unconventional phase in the band's relatively conventional history. First, he was replaced with Olli's left hand and an analogue synth (which caused problems in the rhythm section), then by Olli's younger brother (which caused problems at home), until Antti's left hand and a Rhodes stage piano took up the task in 2001. Pekka Kastari relieved Antti's left hand early in 2003. Nowadays Petri Nakari from Red Carpet also frequently plays guitar with the band.

If there is a message or agenda in the music of Harry Hunks, then that, too, is pretty conventional: to make their listeners feel something; to make them smile with the happier pop songs, or reach out for someone to hold during the moodier songs. Sometimes the band fails even this miserably; making people melancholy with its attempts at cheeriness or making them smile at the band's melancholy pathos. But that, too, amounts to making people feel something.

Harry Hunks has gigged throughout Finland and their records have been played by national and local radio stations. Both records and gigs have received favourable reviews in the Finnish music media.

Harry Hunks is a member of the loose indie pop collective *Marsu on paras* which organises clubs and events, releases records etc. Marsu on paras also includes members from bands such as ultrasport, The Rollstons and Red Carpet. For the past few years these bands have been prominent among the current Finnish indie scene, gaining recognition outside Finland as well.

Releases:

- * Revolutions from pink to pale (CD-EP, Marsu on paras 2004)
- * 20 miles an hour (7"-EP, Rhythm Barrel Records & Marsu on paras 2003)
- * Graceland (7"-EP, Marsu on paras 2001)

+ some songs on compilation albums

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