



Bryan (24)
trumpet



Geoff Lewis (Glou) (29)
trombone, trumpet



Cary Kanno (CKP) (29)
vocals & guitars
other bands: absTRACT giANTS
equipment: Martin, Fender, PRS guitars
Mesa, Fender amps



Rusty Ehler-Bass (Rubin) (28)
bass
equipment: ampeg amp, fender bass



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Bio:

- Members have know each other for many years. Glou, CKP, Dave and Spoon attended Oak Park River Forest High school together. Each playing in their own orchestra and bands. Glou, Dave, & Spoon went on to Northwestern University where they met up with singer Amy Totch. Meanwhile CKP attended U of Wisconsin - Madison, where he met bass player Rusty Ehler. After college all of them returned to Chicago where CKP started an 8 piece hip hop band by the name of absTRACT giANTS. In November of 2004 with the assistance of several drinks at a bar Doko Benjo was born. Willis, a mutual friend soon joined the band.

- PAST PERFORMANCES include:

Martyrs

Around the Coyote Festival

Taste of Chicago (4th of July)

Metro

House Of Blues (opening for Rusted Root)

- Radio play: Q101 (regular programing, not the local show). WLUW, Fearless Radio, Pooches Corner (internet radio)

- Band members have hundreds of hours of stage shows. Played shows with Atmosphere, Zion I, Lyrics Born, Mos Def, Black Eyed Peas, Poi Dog Pondering, Jean Grae, Heiruspecs, KRS-One, Victor Wooten, Bernie Worell (Parliament/ Talking Heads), Fareed Haque, Liquid Soul, Ronnie Baker Brooks, NoFX, Good Charlotte, Bad Religion, Bowling for Soup, Yellowcard, Flogging Molly, John Mayer, Robert Randolph, Gabriella Y Rodrigo, Rusted Root

Fan Base:

- Our fan base is our strongest suit. We are averaging over 100 fans/ show. Venues that we played are very happy with our draw.
- E-mail list of over 500 names

Influences:

- Rusted Root, Poi Dog Pondering, Red Hot Chili Peppers, James Brown, The Roots, Cat Empire

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Matt Spooner (Spoon) (29)
drums
equipment: gretch and dw drums



Amy Totch (AT) (29)
vocals



Dave Schacht (Tricks) (29)
Tenor saxaphone



Willis Wendel (WW) (31)
guitars
equipment: fender guitars, fender amp