

DALE BOZZIO



Dale Bozzio, born Dale Frances Consalvi in Medford, Massachusetts March 2, 1955, is an American progressive rock and new wave vocalist. She is best known as co-founder and lead singer of the 1980s pop/new wave band Missing Persons. She is also known for her work with Frank Zappa. In her solo career, Dale has released three albums and one EP. While with Frank Zappa, Dale performed significant roles in two of his major works, Joe's Garage, and Thing-Fish.

In 1980, Dale co-founded the new wave band Missing

Persons with former Zappa musicians Warren Cuccurullo and Terry Bozzio. She became known for colorful, self-designed stage attire incorporating various plastics and tubing, and for a vocal style that features a high pitched flourish or 'squeak'. In addition to being the band's lead vocalist, she also contributed appreciably to song lyrics. Missing Persons has released one EP and six albums, including Spring Session M, which achieved gold record status.

After Missing Persons disbanded in 1986, Dale was signed to Prince's Paisley Park label, which released her first solo album, Riot in English. Its first single, Simon Simon, successfully charted. Since that time, Dale established Missing Persons featuring Dale Bozzio, and continues to perform Missing Persons repertoire at venues across the United States. She has also participated periodically in reunions of the original Missing Persons band, and has continued her work as a solo artist.

Early life

Aspiring to an acting career since childhood, Dale was admitted to the performing arts program at Emerson College at the age of 16. Instead, she chose to work as a Bunny at the Playboy Club in Boston.

Dale was named Boston Playboy Club Bunny of the Year in 1975.

In 1976, Dale traveled to Playboy Mansion West in Los Angeles at the request of Hugh Hefner, to interview for the position of Valentine party hostess. The opportunity would provide for both a continuing relationship with Playboy and for living arrangements in L.A., from which she could pursue an acting career.

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Dale did not accept Hefner's offer, and she did not secure living arrangements. However, shortly thereafter, she chanced upon musician and composer Frank Zappa, whom she had met previously at one of his concerts in Boston. That encounter led to her employment with Zappa.

Career

As a musician, she worked with Frank Zappa a number of times, providing vocals on Joe's Garage. During her work with Zappa, she met future husband Terry Bozzio in 1976. They married in 1979, and the two of them founded Missing Persons in 1980.

Missing Persons quickly gained popularity thanks to their music, as well as to Dale's quirky voice, unusual, futuristic fashion sense, wild makeup and hair colors. Her now ex-husband Terry once described Dale as looking "like a popsicle" when shooting the music video for the Missing Persons song Words, because of the vibrant colors and clothing she was wearing. Missing Persons had several hits during the first half of the 1980s but broke up in 1986, shortly after the release of their third full-length album Color In Your Life. Dale also divorced Terry Bozzio at that time, but retained the name.

Dale Bozzio has continued to record and perform since the breakup of the original Missing Persons band. Missing Persons featuring Dale Bozzio During the early 1990s, Dale Bozzio toured with her own hired band performing Missing Persons songs.

Some of her musicians have been Wes Wehmiller, Ron Poster, Mike Mangini, Anthony Resta, Ben Sesar, Tony Savarino, Brad Miller, Jeff Calder, Michael T. Ross, Van Spragins, Michael Maysonet, and Eric Welsh.

In June 2005, Dale Bozzio appeared on week five of the NBC show Hit Me Baby One More Time. Dale Bozzio has toured throughout the United States. During the past few years, the band has made several appearances on the Regeneration Tour, played club dates on the west coast during the Summer of 2009, and recently played with the 1980s Club Tour at venues across the country in the Spring of 2010.

Solo

Dale's solo album Riot In English was released on January 1, 1988 on Prince's Paisley Park Records. The lead single "Simon Simon" was a Top 40 dance hit and was also a crossover hit in Europe. The Simon Simon music video was the only video produced from the album. The 2nd single, "Riot In English" did not chart.

In 2000 Bozzio's cover "Into the Groove (Meeks Remix)" appeared on the album Virgin Voices: A Tribute to Madonna Volume Two on Cleopatra Records. That cover has also been included on some more recent

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"Tribute to Madonna" compilations. Dale's cover version of the Prince single "I Would Die 4 U" was also received with positive reviews.

Dale's second album *New Wave Sessions* was released on October 23, 2007 on compact disc by Cleopatra Records. New versions of '80s classics "Words", "Destination Unknown", "Funkytown", "Der Kommissar", "Turning Japanese", "I Know What Boys Like", and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" are included. A collectible, white vinyl album was also produced by Cleopatra Records but limited to 300 copies. Influence on other artists: Dale Bozzio has been credited with influencing Gwen Stefani's vocal styling.

Also, recently, direct comparisons have been made between the hairstyles, makeup and outfits that Dale Bozzio wore when performing with Missing Persons in the 80s, and Lady GaGa's style now 30 years later.

Discography

With Frank Zappa

- Joe's Garage Act I (1979)
- Joe's Garage Acts II, and III (1979)
- Thing-Fish (1984)
- The Lost Episodes (1996)

With Missing Persons

- Missing Persons EP (1980)#46 US
- Spring Session M (1982, 1995)#17 US
- Rhyme & Reason (1984, 2000)#43 US
- Color In Your Life (1986, 2000)#88 US
- The Best of Missing Persons (1987)
- Late Nights, Early Days (1998)
- Remixed Hits (1999)
- Lost Tracks (2002)
- Classic Masters: Missing Persons (2002)
- The Best of Missing Persons: 10 Best Series (2002)
- Walking in LA: The dance mixes (2006)

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- Live From the Danger Zone!: Dale Bozzio & Missing Persons (March 2008 Acadia Records UK - Europe & Airline Records - USA)

Solo releases

- Riot In English (1988)
- New Wave Sessions (2007)
- Talk Talk EP (2010)
- Make Love Not War (2010)

Filmography and videography

Filmography

- Baby Snakes (1979)
- Lunch Wagon (1981)
- Zappa's Universe (1993)
- US Festival 1983 Days 1-3 (2009)

Videography

Missing Persons

- Words (1981)
- Mental Hopscotch (1982)
- Destination Unknown (1982)
- Noticeable One (1983)
- Surrender Your Heart (1984)
- Give (1984)
- Right Now (1984)
- I Can't Think About Dancing (1986)

With Frank Sinatra

- L.A. is My Lady (1984)

Solo

- Simon Simon (1988)