

The Downsetters

Short Bio

We are The Downsetters, an originals UK Ska and Reggae band. Combining the feel and rhythm of Jamaican music, the energy of Dance, and the attitude of Punk, our heavyweight set of razor-sharp tracks and unique Ska Fusion sound has seen us become a festival and live show favourite throughout the UK and Europe.

Our 12-year history has seen us produce three consecutive performances at the world-famous Glastonbury Festival, Boomtown Fair, multiple European tours, major UK Ska and Reggae festivals, as well as various supports slots for Ska legends such as The Beat, Bad Manners, The Dualers, Neville Staple band (The Specials), Lee Thompson (Madness) and more!

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Full Bio

It's not often an act comes along with a truly unique demeanour standing out incomparable to the rest of the landscape. Yet Ipswich's very own Ska and Reggae giants The Downsetters are one of these rare gems, offering a totally exclusive brand of Ska Fusion and Dynamite Reggae packed with enough energy to divert a lightning strike back into space!

Influenced as a collective by all eras of Ska, Reggae, Dub, Punk, and even Heavy Metal...they have pioneered and championed an unmatched style and sound that takes the best bits from each culture turning into one almighty extravaganza!

Since lighting the Ska Fusion firework in 2011, The Downsetters very quickly became a hometown favourite playing all major local events and festivals, as well as headlining the UK's biggest free music event – Ipswich Music Day in the bands second full year. It didn't take long for the firework embers to start covering the rest of the UK, earning the Downsetters a well-earned place on the UK Ska Scene stage. Rapid popularity growth continued paving the way for performances at major UK festivals Glastonbury & Boomtown, support slots for legends Bad Manners, The Beat, Neville Staple band (The Specials) & The Lee Thompson Ska Orchestra (Madness). More recent years have seen the rise of the Ska Fusion wave throughout Europe with multiple European Tours and Festival shows taking place in France, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, and Slovakia!

Not only have they become a dominant force on the live stage, there is a backlog of studio releases that demonstrates the bands capabilities and talents from a songwriting and production perspective. Three album releases including the debut 'We are now leaving the future' / 'The Asylum Hotel' / 'Chainsaw Lullabies', as well as multiple single releases and limited-edition live albums. 2024 is poised to be a special year with the band marking the announcement of the eagerly anticipated fourth studio album.

It's fair to say that the World Heavyweight Champions of Ska Fusion are simply unmissable and guarantee to leave the audience in a state of euphoria. If live music with the energy of three phase electricity is for you, look no further!