

Warpaint



# EXQUISITE CORPSE

Warpaint is a psychedelic jazzy underground band, founded sometime between 2003 and 2006 in the area of Los Angeles. It took up to March 2007 for the band to go public by picking a name and starting a MySpace ([myspace.com/worldwartour](http://myspace.com/worldwartour)) and up to May 2007 to start playing shows. Since its very beginning Warpaint has grown in popularity, thanks to gigs in famous LA-clubs like the Viper Room and the Troubadour, thanks to the MySpace community and - let's face it - thanks to the celebrity factors surrounding them, even if they always wanted to get there on their own and to be an independent band. Warpaint was featuring as a support act for John Frusciante, Josh Klinghoffer, Flea and Stella Mozgawa's jam session at the Troubadour on September 4th 2003. Warpaint got interviewed a few times.



Emily Camille Kokal

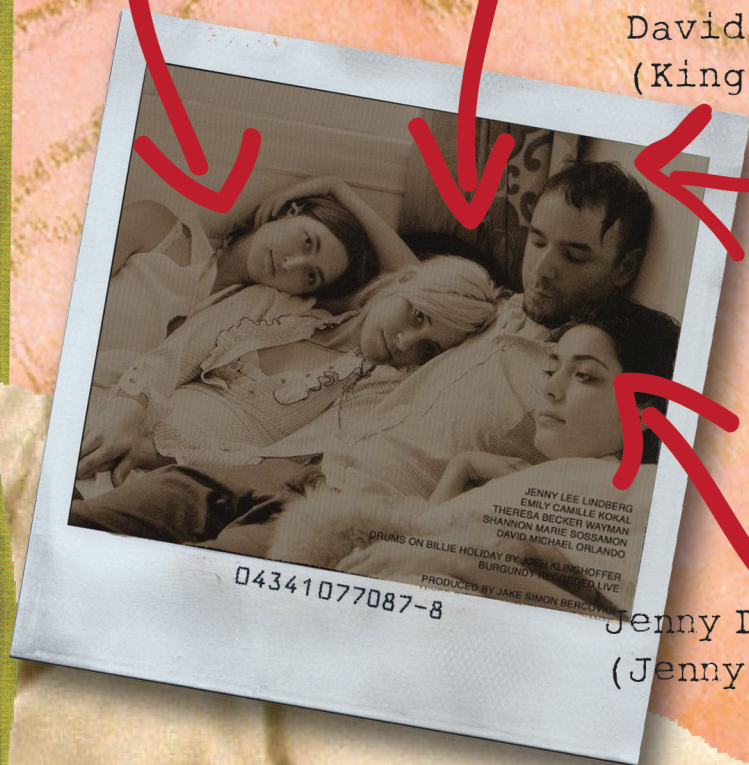
(Emme La Femme) = vocals, guitar

Theresa Becker Wayman

(Theresa the Piece a) = guitar, vocals

David Michael Orlando

(King David) = drums (2008 on)



Jenny Lee Lindberg

(Jenny Problemi) = bass, vocals

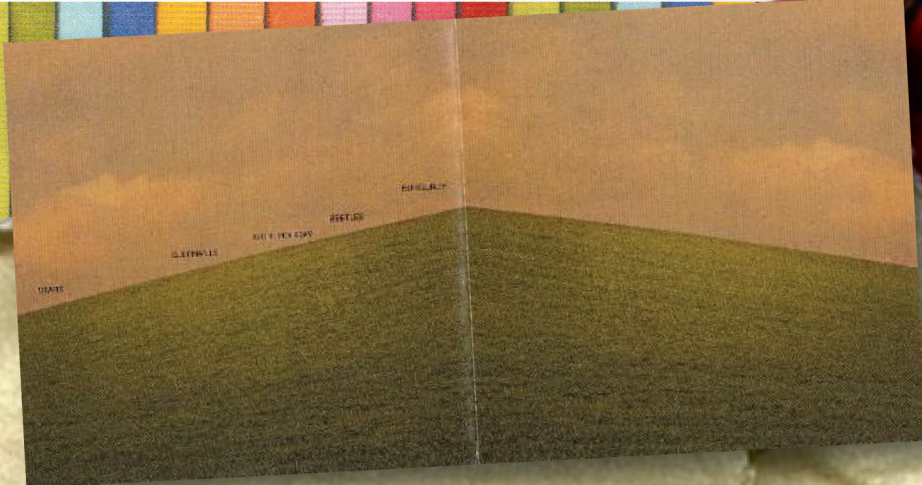
P.S. Shannon Marie Sossamon (Sissy)

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In January 2009, the EP was brought to a higher level, thanks to a brand new and more professional artwork by LA-photographer Lauren Dukoff ([laurendukoff.com](http://laurendukoff.com)). To celebrate this official release, Warpaint organised a release party along with a concert in Los Angeles on January 13th 2009.

Warpaint's record is an EP, titled "Exquisite Corpse". It was produced by Jake Simon Bercovici, and mixed by John Anthony Frusciante and Adam Samuels.

The "Exquisite Corpse" tracklist consists of 5 songs:

01. Stars
02. Elephants
03. Billie Holiday (Klinghoffer on drums / Frusciante on mello-tron)
04. Beetles
05. Burgundy

During Mike Watt's "The Watt From Pedro" podcast on January 25th 2009 John mentioned that not only he mixed the EP, but he also played mellotron on Billie Holiday. However, John was only credited for the mixing on the EP.

Credits on the EP are mentioning:

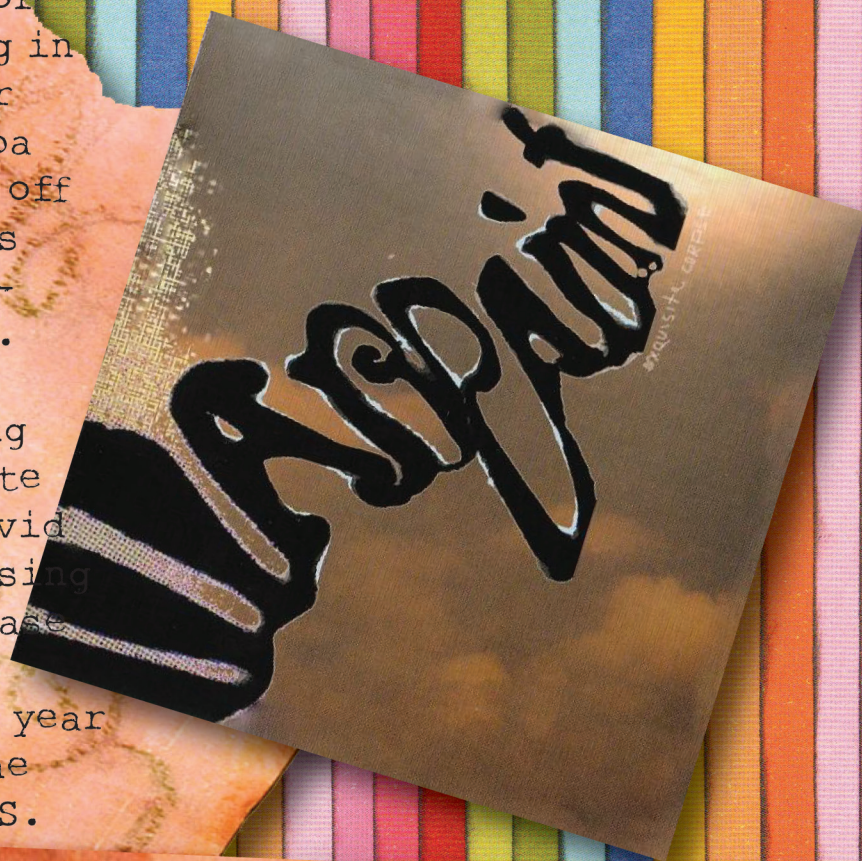
- \* BO, the guy who gave Warpaint a publishing deal so they could make the EP,
- \* John Anthony Frusciante,
- \* and all the band's "patient beloved ones" - the fans - as an apology for the long delays.

To date, The Warpaint EP "Exquisite Corpse" is available from:

- \* iTunes, recently featured in the singer-songwriter spotlight of the week, available from the homepage,
- \* Amoeba Music Store in Hollywood, LA, for physical copies.

International distribution for physical copies will be coming in the following weeks from their MySpace/Paypal, and the Amoeba Music Store will be selling it off their website in April 2009 as part of the "buy stuff -> home-grown" selection of the month.

Warpaint is currently spending time recording songs they wrote with their current drummer David Michael Orlando, and is promising a new record of which the release would be faster this time. The year 2009 might be a lucky year for all Warpaint's fans, as the band may also be touring the US.



Emily Kokal was also credited as a backing vocalist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers' song "Desecration Smile" ("Stadium Arcadium" record, Warner Bros. Music, 2006); she used to record backing vocals for Chris Brenner (former member of Milla Jovovich's band), Tricky and Ben Harper. She is also featured at the beginning of "The Heart is a Drum Machine" documentary.

Theresa Wayman used to sing and play drums, guitar and mellotron in a band with Vincent Gallo, touring Europe in 2005.

David Orlando is also resident DJ in Los Angeles, known as "Boss Harmony" and member of "Dr. Who".

Jenny Lindberg is playing bass on a jazz album of Brian Blade.

Shannon Sossamon isn't performing with Warpaint anymore, but has started an art collective called Maudegone, featuring some music of her own.





The name Warpaint is derived from World War IV, an album by Emily Kokal's former band "Little Two's". Mikah Sykes, guitarist and co-founder of Little Two's, is a long-time friend of Emily's and, for his 2006-released solo record "Bad Feelings", he too collaborated with John Frusciante .



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