

Club of Suns releases new single, "Nova"



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The Johannesburg-based band, Club of Suns, is proving that it was worth the wait with the eagerly awaited release of their single, "Nova".

Club of Suns is a band making music in the digital age. The band explores unique sounds and approaches to their music, not limited by genre and location. They have been described as delivering a cerebral experience.

Says Matt Levings, frontman of the band: "'Nova' was inspired by a state of isolation and distance from the world (like a supernova). It started as a simple and spacey synth-wave sound on the microKORG."

When asked about the song, Levings confesses: "We have all made so many sacrifices in recent years. To step into a studio and create something together like "Nova", makes that all worthwhile. It's brutally honest writing and ties in with themes that we regularly visit.

I spoke to Levings last week.

III The new decade means:

The unknown, the unexplored. In the face of discomfort, there is potential for great growth.

Fame is about:

We're all made of the same stuff. Fame is a construct.



Matt Levings - © Wesley Poon

III Retirement will happen when:

When they pull the plug. Does the mind ever stop creating?

Ⅲ I don't do:

Neckties (the corporate noose) and bread mould.

What does music mean to you?

Music helps me understand the world around me. It's a mood stabiliser without having to take a pill.

III My music is about:

Dancing through a cataclysm.

!!! Where do you go for inspiration to create?

Film, literature, other music, dreams and socio-political events seem to ignite reactions in us.

₩ What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?

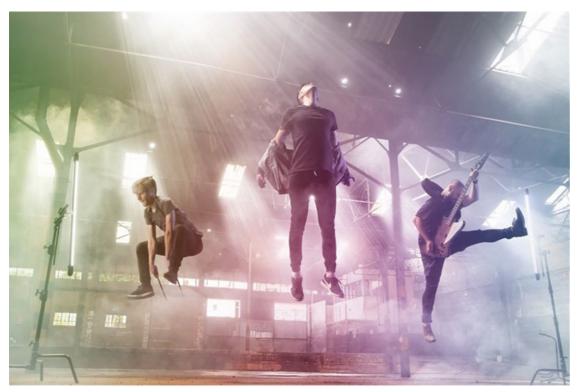
I get to create and bring expression to abstract thought.

III The song you must do in every show?

The new one, "Nova".

Any funny moments on stage:

Accidental mic drops, running over to finish the song on Izak's mic.



Oub of Suns on the music video set of "Nova" - $\ensuremath{@}$ Jade Holing

III What is your most treasured possession?

I have a very strong bond with my record collection.

III It's your round, what are you drinking?

A cup of tea sounds nice!

■ Dream gig to do:

Glastonbury; one day (you need to have goals).

III Nicknames:

Maddy, Maddy Moo, Mayhoo.

III If you were not a musician, what would you do?

Work in film.

III Who would play you in a Hollywood blockbuster and why?

Cillian Murphy kinda looks like me; must be the cheekbones.

What makes you stand out?

As a band, we're all quiet off-stage and we change into something else when we're making the music. Personally, that awkward, quirky weirdness.



Oub of Suns (LTR Stefan von Buddenbrock, Matt Levings, Izak Buys - @ Wesley Poon

Pick five words to describe yourself:

Weird, introverted, calm, daydreamer, intuitive.

Ⅲ Five favourite SA albums:

Shadowclub - Guns and Money

Zebra & Giraffe - Collected Memories

Nakhane Toure - Brave Confession

Freshlyground - Nomvula

The Parlotones - Dragonflies and Astronauts

III What song changed your life?

I feel weird saying this, but "Crawling" by Linkin Park made me feel things I didn't know I could feel (even though I was a child). It was the first album I bought as a kid and soon after I started finding my creative expression.

::: Who do you love?

My dog Avalon. My love extends to many people who have touched my life, but I have inner circles and strong bonds with my wife.

What is your favourite word?

Sublime, but the deep, the meaning of it - like being drawn to a tidal wave or black hole.

III Your greatest achievement:

My greatest achievement will always be a work in progress. A life well-lived, full of experiences, love and creative expression. As a band, it would have to be making "Nova", and the relationships we've made along the way.



Matt Levings - © Jade Holing

Favourite fashion garment:

Denim jacket.

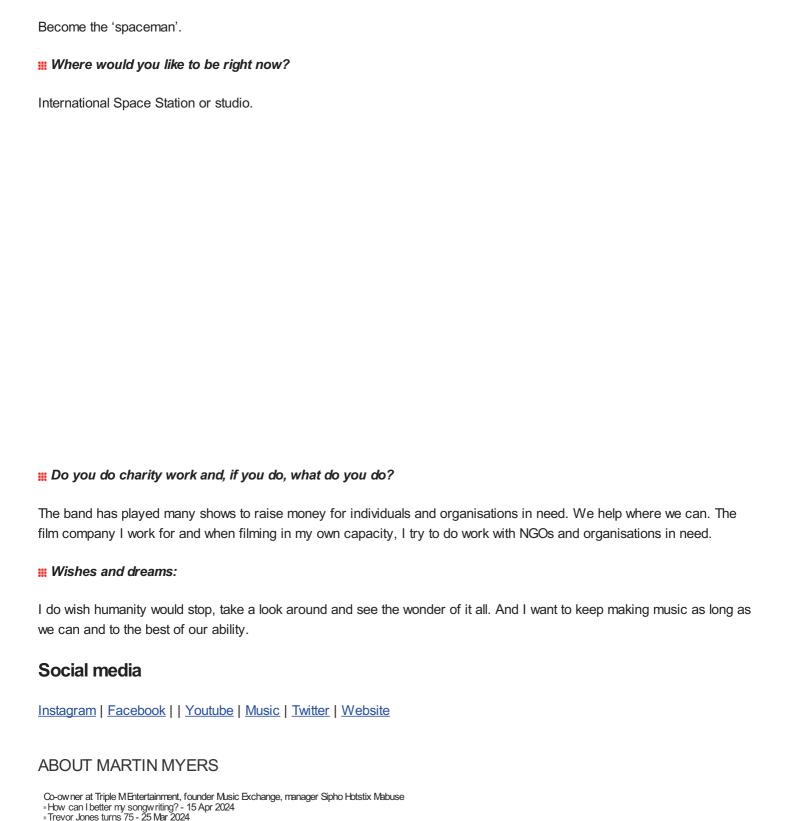
III Give us some real proper slang and what it means:

"Bitch the pot" - pour the tea. I don't know if this is real, but we use it in my home.

III What do you complain about most often?

I hate not having structure and routine.

Happiness is:



A warm gun (to quote The Beatles).

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