

Biography – Kunt and the Gang.

Kunt and the Gang is a one-man, one-puppet comedy music act formed in 2003 in Basildon, Essex, comprising singer, songwriter Kunt and his parasitic twin effigy, Little Kunt.

The act first gained a following online by posting comedy songs and videos, onto early social media platforms such as MySpace and YouTube. Kunt and the Gang's songs often touched on taboo subjects, such as sexual fantasies and serial killers. The debut album *I Have A Little Wank And I Have A Little Cry* won NME's 2005 Album Title Of The Year. This would be their last mention in the NME until Christmas 2020.

Meanwhile, Kunt and the Gang started playing live in pubs and small music venues around the UK, which eventually led to full UK tours and sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and Adelaide and Melbourne Festivals. And a ban from Butlins resorts, following complaints over a 2008 appearance at a dance festival.

In 2009 Kunt and the Gang recorded *Shannon Matthews: The Musical*, a comedy musical based on the events surrounding the fake disappearance and search for the Yorkshire school girl. With no funding or support to produce the show, it was released as an audio CD in 2010.

Following the release of a first 'greatest minor internet hits' album, *Complete Kunt*, Kunt and the Gang saw minor chart success in 2010 with their song *Use My Arsehole As A Cunt*, which reached number 66 in the UK singles chart. The song was followed up by the 2011 single *Fucksticks*, which peaked at number 63.

At the 2011 Edinburgh Fringe Kunt and the Gang were awarded the Malcolm Hardee Cunning Stunt award for their promotional stickers shaped like a crudely drawn penis. The 'Cockgate' saga, as it became known, was not such a hit with the many comedians and promoters who threatened legal action upon discovering their posters defaced by a sticky phallus.

With a lack of any mainstream opportunities for the act, and in the wake of the Operation Yewtree investigation Kunt's songwriting took a darker turn. The band's greatest viral success came when a song recorded as a duet with a Jimmy Savile impersonator, *Jimmy Savile and the Sexy Kids*, gained over half a million YouTube views. A second greatest hits album, *Kunt'll Fix It* was released in 2015, containing another of the most popular KATG songs to date, *The Wrong Ian Watkins*, which put a comedic spin on the online confusion between the twisted Lost Prophet's frontman, and his unfortunate namesake, H from Steps.

Burnt out from over 10 years on the road but wanting to finish on a high, in 2016 Kunt and the Gang played a 50-date farewell tour. In 2018, an autobiography *iKunt* was released via a crowdfunder. One of the stretch goals - to record a punk album of greatest minor internet hits - led to the formation of The Kunts. The rest is another story.

Biography – The Kunts.

The Kunts are probably best known for their swearsy punk protest song *Boris Johnson is a Fucking Cunt*, which unexpectedly reached number 5 in the 2020 UK Christmas chart following a lockdown social media campaign. They matched this achievement a year later in 2021 with the follow up, *Boris Johnson is STILL a Fucking Cunt*, which also landed in the Christmas top 5! A public spat with LadBaby ensued after the charity sausage roll act said of The Kunts' supporters "...it takes a certain sort of person to download a song with *that* in the title..." The Kunts hit back "We may be vulgar in the language we use to get our point across, but we would not be so vulgar as to use food banks to hawk records, increase our profile or sign lucrative sponsorship deals."

Further establishment unfriendly singles *Prince Andrew is a Sweaty Nonce*, *Fuck The Tories* and *Scrap The Monarchy* (under the pseudonym The Krown Jewelz) also hit the UK top 20, all completely independent, without any radio airplay, PR company or marketing budget. The Kunts had their biggest viral video hit in 2023 with their song about the Philip Schofield scandal, *Bum The Runner*, that clocked up over 6 million views.

The Kunts were formed in Basildon by Kunt, songwriter, frontman and puppeteer in synthpop comedy act Kunt and the Gang, with fellow bandmates Carsehole (guitar), Fucksticks (drums) and Skidmark (bass) joining the former minor internet hit singer to record their debut album *Kunt's Punk In Your Face*. A chance reference by Ginger Wildheart on Twitter to the band's protest song *Boris Johnson is a Fucking Cunt* potentially being Christmas Number One, which was then repeated by Black Mirror creator Charlie Brooker, led to the song's release for Christmas 2020 with it eventually peaking at number 5.

Shortly after, bass was taken over by Fucksticks' twin brother Rubber Jonny as the band played their first live shows following pandemic restrictions being lifted in 2021. This line up, that remains to this day, went on to enjoy further chart successes and recorded the soundtrack to the controversial 2024 film *Shannon Matthews: The Musical... The Movie*.

The Kunts' go out on a small tour in December 2024. Their live show cheerfully rattles through their own catalogue of ridiculously swearsy protest songs alongside some of Kunt and the Gang's best known dark comedy hits, turning the bleakest of subjects into a raucous sing-along that you'll almost certainly find yourself guiltily humming the next day.