

MUSE

# Band members

- ◆ Matt Bellamy – lead vocals, guitars, keyboards, piano, synthesizers, keytar
- ◆ Dominic Howard – drums, percussions, synthesizers, backing vocals
- ◆ Chris Wolstenholme – bass guitar, backing/lead vocals, guitars, keyboards, harmonica

# Albums

- ◇ 1998 – First album called “Showbiz”
- ◇ 2001 – Second album called “Origin of Symmetry”
- ◇ 2003 – Third album called “Absolution”
- ◇ 2006 – Fourth album called “Black Holes and Revelations”
- ◇ 2009 – Fifth album called “Resistance”
- ◇ 2012 – Sixth album called “The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law”
- ◇ 2015 – Seventh album called “Drones”
- ◇ 2018 – Eighth album called “Simulation Theory”

# Formation

The members of Muse played in separate school bands during their stay at Teignmouth Community College in the early 1990s. Guitarist Matt Bellamy successfully auditioned for drummer Dominic Howard's band, Carnage Mayhem, becoming its singer and songwriter. They renamed the band Gothic Plague. They asked Chris Wolstenholme—at that time the drummer for Fixed Penalty—to join as bassist; he agreed and took up bass lessons. The band was renamed Rocket Baby Dolls and adopted a goth-glam image. In 1994, Rocket Baby Dolls won a local battle of the bands, smashing their equipment in the process. The name "Muse" was supposedly inspired by Matthew Bellamy's art teacher Samuel Theoun. The band liked that it was short and thought that it looked good on a poster.

# Musical Style

Described as an alternative rock, space rock and progressive rock band, Muse mix sounds from genres such as electronic music, progressive metal and art rock, and forms such as classical music, rock opera and many others. Many Muse songs are recognizable by vocalist Matt Bellamy's use of vibrato, falsetto, and melismatic phrasing. As a pianist, Bellamy often uses arpeggios. Bellamy's compositions often suggest or quote late classical and romantic era composers such as Sergei Rachmaninov (in "Space Dementia" and "Butterflies and Hurricanes"), Camille Saint-Saëns (in "I Belong to You (Mon Coeur S'ouvre À Ta Voix)") and Frédéric Chopin (in "United States of Eurasia").

# Concerts

MUSE is very famous for concerts. Because it's always an extraordinary show with fire, smoke and interesting decorations and of course their energetic and lively music.



