Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 10 Oct 2014, 14:58

BD's only personal webpage is gear heaven, nice selection of BOSS and Roland gear

http://www.billyduffy.com/gear/

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Dirk** » 11 Oct 2014, 14:22

Nice! I love his sound on She sells sanctuary, we play that song with our band. It's fun to play live.

Dirk

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 29 Apr 2015, 14:17

Looks like Billy has embraced a bit of Waza craft now

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fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Dirk** » 30 Apr 2015, 07:42

From reading a bit on his site I found 2 pieces of history:

"I still have those four Marshalls today, they've pretty much lasted through all the years of abuse, all the tours we've

done and they're pretty much all still running. Some have had a little bit of minor surgery but they're still going.
When The Cult sort of split up in 1995 I had all this equipment and I was storing it with no use for it so I had a bit of a 'car boot sale. It was kinda like a post grunge cleanout, I sold a cabinet to Duff McKagan, a cabinet to Mike Dimkich who plays rhythm with us now and I sold two amps and four cabinets to Steve Jones of the Sex Pistols. Those were the amps and cabinets that Steve used on the Pistols 1996 re-union tour and live album ('Vive Les Sex Pistols: Filthy Lucre Tour 1996') so that was basically my backline that Jonesy was using.
After the Pistols stopped working I bought the amps back off him, but Joney being Jonesy he made me buy them back at a profit to him! I didn't get the cabinets back as he'd already sold them to somebody else. So sadly I lost the cabinets in the mists of time but the amps are back with me but with a few things that Jonesy had done to them like sticking things on them, tuppence pieces and so on. So anyway when the Pistols got back together in 2002 I lent them back to him so he could use them, but I didn't sell them to him I just loaned them for the tour."
Billy Duffy – January 2013

And this:

"Another interesting fact on the Rolands is that when we toured with Metallica in '89 they'd started using Roland's for their clean sound. But both me and the Metallica guys had to change the speakers in the combos 'cos we were always playing so loud that we would actually pop them because the bass that's created by the chorus effect would blow the speakers.
In fact in the video of the classic Metallica song 'Nothing Else Matters' you'll see the Gretsch White Falcon being played and that was mine, I'd sold that guitar to Bob Rock and he'd let them use it. It's kinda funny that part of my sound lead onto Metallica. If you listen to 'Nothing Else Matters' and then listen to 'Dreamtime' and 'Love' you can hear that it's a sound that they incorporated to give another dimension to their music very successfully. Obviously Bob produced 'Sonic Temple' with The Cult and then went on to produce the 'Black Album' with Metallica later."

Dirk

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 03 May 2015, 16:35

Nice Dirk, great info!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Dirk** » 04 May 2015, 10:46

Yes, I never knew this. I knew Duff had previously gotten the cabinet that Slash used on Appetite for Destruction, and he used that along with an old Bogner modded Marshall jcm800 head on his 2nd solo album, the unreleased Beautiful Disease.
You see, during that time (95/96) Steve Jones also started playing in a band called Neurotic Outsiders with Duff McKagan on the guitar, John Taylor from Duran Duran on the bass and Matt Sorum on the drums.
Matt and Duff first tried to get that band together with Billy Idol and Steve Stevens, but that didn't work out. There's a cool video on YT where they play a song on the Jay Leno show:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJO-XcQrlX4

Prior to that, Duff had organised a benefit concert where a lot of people played, including Matt Sorum, Billy Idols and Steve Stevens and I guess the idea came from that gig.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZgXLcKndX8 I love youtube....

Dirk

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **visserman** » 07 Jul 2015, 12:09

Thank you Dirk for those stories, fantastic.!!

visserman

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Dirk** » 07 Jul 2015, 19:02

You're welcome. I just like sharing knowledge and great stories like this.
It's funny how a guitar player from a band I'm not really into sort of intertwined in the McKagan/Jones connection, and me
finding out about it almost 20 years later...

You know, I used to frequent a Metallica forum in the early 00's called Metboard.com; it's no longer in business, but there were a lot of these great stories around, and cool people like this fellow called Crunchmeister who knew a lot of cool stuff!

Dirk

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Franzoni** » 08 Jul 2015, 23:16

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_qxW_htSnU

Worth a look if you're a geek like me.... .....

Franzoni

Re: Billy Duffy - The Cult - Pedals

by **Dirk** » 09 Jul 2015, 18:50

Cool!

Dirk