

SKOFF



BAND MEMBERS

JAN VILLANA - GUITAR/VOCALS
JADE EILEEN - DRUMS

BIOGRAPHY

JAN VILLENA IS A FILIPINO-CANADIAN MUSICIAN AND ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF SKOFF, FORMED IN 2023. BORN AND RAISED IN THE PHILIPPINES BY HIS GRANDPARENTS, HIS INTEREST IN PLAYING GUITAR SPARKED AT THE AGE OF 11 YEARS OLD. GROWING UP IN THE SLUMS, HE WAS FORCED TO ENDURE STRUGGLES THAT ACCOMPANY POVERTY AND WOULD OFTEN END UP EATING ONCE A DAY JUST TO GET BY. CONSTANTLY FEELING MISUNDERSTOOD BY HIS PEERS FOR HAVING A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW REGARDING SOCIETY AND HIS PURPOSE WITHIN THE WORLD, HE FOUND AN ABILITY TO COPE THROUGH WRITING MUSIC AND PLAYING HIS GUITAR.

ARRIVING IN CANADA IN 2015 THROUGH HIS MOTHER'S SPONSORSHIP TO GIVE HIM A FRESH START AND A BETTER LIFE (IS IT THOUGH?) THROUGH SKOFF, JAN CAN EXPRESS THE EMOTIONS HE FACES ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: FINANCIAL STRUGGLES, LIFE PURPOSE, MORALITY OR THE LACK THEREOF IN MODERN SOCIETY. ACCOMPANIED BY THE PERSISTENT QUEST TO WRITE THE MOST MELODIC YET AGGRESSIVE SONGS IMAGINABLE, JAN ADMIRES THE NEVER ENDING JOURNEY AND LOOKS FORWARD TO HOW IT WILL ULTIMATELY UNFOLD.

JADE EILEEN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN TORONTO. THE SPAWN OF TWO PARENTS WHO EMBRACED THE PUNK SUBCULTURE IN LONDON, ENGLAND. HER FIRST CHILDHOOD MEMORY PERTAINING TO MUSIC WAS WHEN HER MOTHER SHOWCASED A CASSETTE TITLED "NEVERMIND THE BULLOCKS, HERE'S THE SEX PISTOLS". THIS WAS JADES INDUCTION INTO PUNK ROCK AND ULTIMATELY, THE CATALYST THAT DEVELOPED HER LOVE OF MUSIC AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, AUTHENTICITY IN ITS RAWEST FORM. SHE FIRST SAT BEHIND A DRUM KIT AT 16 YEARS OLD BUT DIDN'T PURSUE HER RHYTHMIC INCLINATION UNTIL HER 20'S. THE DESIRE TO BOTH WRITE AND PLAY MUSIC WAS INCESSANT. FINALLY, A DESIRE BECAME A NECESSITY AND SHE'S BEEN PLAYING EVER SINCE.

THE CONCEPTION OF SKOFF WAS NATURAL. IF YOU ASK EITHER OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS, THEY'D TELL YOU THEY AREN'T TOO SURE EXACTLY HOW THE BAND FORMED, BUT THEY ARE OF THE UTMOST CERTAINTY AS TO WHY IT DID.