

# Christian Martucci

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Just like most people in the entertainment industry, Christian Martucci started early with music. He comes from a family with music deeply rooted and is not something he chose. It is part of the family and his life, and on several occasions, he has been forced to drive on to survive. As he himself says:

*- I have nothing else to fall back on because there was only the music. The family has been very supportive and often pushed me even when I was down.*

Most people know him as the guitarist in the rock band Stone Sour, where he is an original member as lead guitarist since 2015. But he really had to work his way to that position. The turning point came when he took his guitar, the last \$800, and bought a one-way ticket to LA, where he had a friend who was in a band. The friend took Christian to The Baked Potato in North Hollywood where he was sent up on stage as it was an open night for musicians. At that time in the late 90's it was more into the new heavy metal stuff and not what Christian felt strongly about, 70's punk was close to his heart. But only a week after his performance, he was on the road with Dee Dee Ramone, who was like a god to Christian, on that tour as guitarist.

Apart from Dee Dee Ramone, the majority of different bands and artists had contacted Christian with various proposals that he refused or would think about further.



*Christian Martucci checking the guitars before the gig*



*Christian Martucci and Dee Dee Ramone*



*Strychnine Babies Dave Glass, Eric Dead (Bowr) and Christian Martucci*

## Strychnine Babies

But to jump back to where it started. In 1996, Christian was 19 years old and working in the manufacturing industry and was really low paid. The thoughts were always in the music, and it was punk which was the thing.

Christian Martucci formed Strychnine Babies with Dave Glass and Eric Bowr in 1996. Strychnine Babies played classic 70's punk which they still do today. They had their last concert in 1999 but a reunion was made in 2010.

*-This is the band we've always wanted to be in, it's the good thing about it that keeps us hanging around and finishing what we once started. We don't know yet when the closure will come," says Christian.*



## Chelsea Smiles

Christian joined Chelsea Smiles in 2004 after he had a gap left by Dee Dee Ramone and remained until 2006. He left Chelsea Smiles to help start up Black President.



*Black President with Christian Martucci in the middle*

## Black President

Christian Martucci takes his place as the frontman and singer of Black President

Black President was formed in 2005 and the name was established in 2008, six months before Barack Obama announced his campaign to become president. Black President has often been associated with Obama's presidency.

Christian Martucci is a really hard-working musician. In addition to the listed bands mentioned here, he has many more artist collaborations, bands and projects that are constantly active

## Stone Sour

Christian Martucci steps in as a replacement for Jim Root in 2013 and since 2015 Christian becomes a regular member of Stone Sour. Christian has worked with Corey Taylor before, including Slipknot and the tribute album "This Is Your Life", which Corey Taylor is behind.



*Christian Martucci during a gig with Stone Sour*



Thousand Watt Stare is another band that he co-founded and others he has worked with are Attitudes & Altitude, Slipknot and the tribute album "This Is Your Life" for Ronnie James Dio. In 2019, his solo album "Negative Balance" was released and in December 2018, Black Star Riders confirmed that Christian Martucci will replace Damon Johnson as lead guitarist.

As it looks right now, Christian Martucci is up to date in Strychnine Babies, Thousand Watt Stare, Stone Sour and Black Star Riders. If you get the chance to see this artist on stage, make sure to take it. Christian is a very professional artist who is worth seeing and experiencing.