

The Dirty Heads at Coliseum

Reggae band The Dirty Heads will be performing at Coliseum Sunday September 2

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Southern California natives and reggae band The Dirty Heads will be hitting the stage at Coliseum on Sunday September 2. They have just released their second studio album, *Cabin by the Sea*, this past June. They are currently touring with Matisyahu across the country, but are making a solo stop in Tallahassee.

"We've been a serious band for eight or nine years," said guitarist and vocalist Dustin "Duddy B" Bushnell, "but we've been playing music with each other forever. Three of us went to high school together, so we've been playing music forever, growing up."

Bushnell started playing music in high school with vocalist Jared "Dirty J" Watson and percussionist Jon Olazabal, and later with the addition of drummer Matt Ochoa and bassist David Foral, they became The Dirty Heads.

Cabin by the Sea is a summer album, designed to take the listener to the cabin by the sea no matter where they are. Bushnell describes it as feel good music, and the band hopes that people will enjoy themselves while listening to it. The band combines alternative rock, reggae, and hip-hop in order to create a unique sound.

"It has been a long time since we got new music out, so it's refreshing to get in the studio and write the new album," said Bushnell. "I feel like through touring the last few years we found our sound. We kinda figured out who we are, and what the band is. It has more direction than the first album. It's more one piece of work. The first album just had a bunch of songs, but this one has a purpose to it."

The Dirty Heads have been inspired by many different artists due to their eclectic tastes in music, from growing up with a lot of classic rock and reggae.

"Two of the bands that have definitely shaped our band are Sublime and the Beastie Boys," said Bushnell.

Bushnell says that one of his favorite parts of touring is traveling.

"We get to travel around the world and see a lot of cool places, and that's an opportunity not a lot of people get," said Bushnell. "Going to these cities and getting to see all the fans and seeing everyone excited for the show, that makes it all worth it."

This will be The Dirty Heads' first show in Tallahassee. Bushnell says that his favorite previous concert experience was playing at Red Rocks in Denver, Colorado.

"They made the amphitheater out of the mountains," said Bushnell. "It's just a beautiful spot, one of the coolest places we've played."

Tickets for the show at Coliseum are available at Sam Goody's in the Tallahassee Mall, and the doors to the show will open at 6:30 p.m. Local band Yamadeo will be opening for The Dirty Heads.

"We look forward to every show," said Bushnell. "Especially with the new album, we like to see how people respond to it. We're definitely excited for it. We hope the fans come out and have a great time."