

# SlingshotVenus

## SlingshotVenus Biography

**SlingshotVenus:** a merciless, unyielding, disjointed foundation for hit-on-the-head melodies. The sound of something familiar but yet like nothing ever heard. Manic chaos wrapped in eccentric velvet, a graceful shot into the glittering sky. Theirs is a darkly textured original and complex sound that is not limited in scope or structure and overturns pre-conceived ideas regarding musical boundaries.

**SlingshotVenus** has been packing such Bay Area venues as Stork Club, Bourbon St., Club Cocodrie, and Club Boomerang and their 2001 EP release "Perplexed" has been enjoying rotation on KALX Berkeley, KPFA Berkeley, KZYZ in Bodega Bay, and KUSJ in San Jose. With the release of their first full length CD "Heaven's Kiss Is Black", and with a new drummer, SlingshotVenus is primed and ready to explode.

**Tobias Hawkins** (vocals/percussion/flesh siren) has had his share of success creating unique and popular music. Perhaps best known as the voice and writer of words for **Laundry** (legendary post-**Primus** excursion led by Tim (Herb) Alexander), he was also a founding member (on drums) and credited songwriter of pop heroes **The Counting Crows**.

**Patrick McEvoy** (5000 hammering guitars) and **Richard Doporto** (slinky bottom end/engineer/producer) have been spinning their uncommon musical web together as a team for several years, honing their instrumental and recording skills.

**Chris Brague** (*drums, percussion*), the most recent sign-on in the crew, is best known locally for his work with rock quartet **Colonel Knowledge** and Afro-funk hybrid **The Slaptones**. This musical chameleon has been studying and performing many genres - from Jazz and Brazilian music to West African and Afro-Cuban - all along crafting a distinct and highly creative hard rock style.

SlingshotVenus plays to a heavy alternative rock audience. Think of a Led Zeppelin air crash into King Crimson, or Rush overdosing on Radiohead at a party hosted by Soundgarden.

Individually, the members of SlingshotVenus have performed alongside such diverse artists as Tool, Primus, Laundry, Monks of Doom, X, Sparks, Paris, Midnight Oil and the Yellowjackets.

