

"To really experience Dr. Acula, you have to see us live! The chaos and energy on stage sets us apart from any other band . . ." Keyboardist Joey Simpson.

The Story of **Dr. Acula** begins back in 2005 when Bill Graffeo, lead guitarist and only remaining original member, corralled a few of his friends and started making music. The late Mitch Hedberg, a prominent cult comedian, is credited with the inspiration for the moniker "Dr. Acula" after making the joke "Man, I went to the doctor the other day. All this guy did was suck blood out of my neck. Never go to see Dr. Acula" Surely you don't want to follow his advice, at least when it comes to the band.

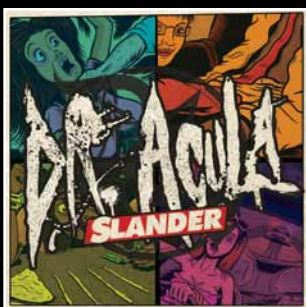
The 7-piece known as **Dr. Acula** consists of vocalists Casey Carrano and Tyler Guida, guitarists Bill Graffeo and Ricky Ostolaza, bassist Kevin Graffeo, drummer Jesse Ciapa, and keyboardist Joey Simpson. With many different musical backgrounds in grindcore, hardcore, metal and hip-hop, Dr. Acula's party metal-core style is both unique and diverse, reaching a virtually untapped market.

Dr. Acula received the attention of Victory Records owner Tony Brummel early in 2010. Brummel called the band to request a meeting at his Chicago headquarters . . . the following hour. Being in Iowa at the time was not going to stop the band, and they drove the 200 mile difference through a thunderstorm to seal their position as part of the Victory Records family.

The band's first official release on Victory Records, titled *Slander*, is out February 15th 2011 and the band couldn't be more thrilled about it. "This release is our best effort yet. We're hoping this record brings us to the next level and opens many new doors. We put our hearts and souls into it," says drummer Jesse Ciappa.

"Slander is more than just a parade of sludgy breakdowns—the party synths add some texture, but so do the occasional bursts of pop-punk and even melodic death-metal riffage..." **AP**

While it may be hard to believe that **Dr. Acula** have only been around for half a decade given all that they have accomplished—including sharing the stage with such bands as A Day To Remember, Attack! Attack!, Devil Wears Prada, and Emmure—they have no doubt carved out an undeniable niche for themselves in the hardcore scene. What started out as an excuse to simply have fun with their friends has become a nation wide party for both **Dr. Acula** and their growing legion of fans.



Tracklisting

1. Clinger (Stage 5)
2. Fire crotch (The Venereal Van ride)
3. Welcome To Camp Nightmare
4. Currently Sexting...
5. Cocaine Avalanche
6. Song Before The Song
7. Pure and Immature (Goon)
8. Who You Gonna Call!?
9. All work, No Play
10. Slander
11. SlamPig (...And then the bitch)
12. Party 2.0
13. The Big Sleep

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