



VINYL SOUP

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vi-nyl (vi / nel) n. 1. The univalent chemical radical CH₂CH. 2. Any of various tough flexible shiny plastics used for coverings and clothing. 3. Slang term: used for a record or LP.

soup (soop) n. 1. A liquid food prepared from meat, fish, or vegetable stock and often containing solid ingredients. 2. Slang: To modify so as to increase its capacity to perform or satisfy, esp. To add horsepower to (a vehicle)

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Drawing upon a variety of genres, VINYL SOUP blends influences from Rock, Folk, Bluegrass, Jazz, and Blues, as well as Caribbean music ranging from Afro Cuban to Reggae, combined into a robust sonic melange that refuses to be pigeon-holed. Their songs feature an enlivening sense of humor girded by a surprising emotional urgency that belies the playful nature of their lyrics. Fans of VINYL SOUP's live performance cite the band's fearless improvisation and free-wheeling musicianship as unique strengths to their live shows

Founding member and lead guitarist Andrew Hooker grew up in West Point, Mississippi, hometown of blues legend Howlin' Wolf. After earning a music degree from GIT in Hollywood, California, Hooker returned to the tradition-steeped musical environs of Nashville, Tennessee where he formed VINYL SOUP in 2002.



In December of 2003, VINYL SOUP released their debut album, entitled *Chasing Yesterday*. That release topped the Jazz Charts at internet music channel m3radio.com. The album also reached #19 on the Top 30 Charts, joining artists such as reggae legends as Toots and the Maytals.

(Band members pictured above from left to right)

Justin M. Smith
Keyboards & Vocals

Andrew Hooker
Guitar & Vocals

Wes Lloyd
Bass & Vocals

Dr. Chuck Brooks
a.k.a Dr. Buddha
Drums & Vocals

After experimenting with lineup changes during the early years of the band's existence, VINYL SOUP has emerged as a quartet, featuring Wes Lloyd on bass and vocals, Dr. Chuck Brooks on drums and vocals, and Justin Smith on piano, organ, and vocals with founding member Hooker on guitar and lead vocals. Invigorated by the potent chemistry of their new lineup, VINYL SOUP is setting out on a barnstorming tour as they introduce brand new material from their second and 2008 release, *Brandon and Travis*, making stops in mid-size markets throughout the spring, to be followed by further summer touring in support of *Brandon and Travis*. VINYL SOUP is poised to expand their growing fan base, winning new converts with their whimsical stylistic brew.