

Musical Origins

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How each member of TMNT started playing instruments.

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1 - The DVD

At a tropical hotel outdoor pool, we spot a jazz band entertaining the hotel guests poolside. In that band, Mallory's in a bikini, playing a smooth tenor sax solo while Josh Salazar (standing behind his vibes, sportin the striped Speedos) is watching her play. Then Josh gets to play a cool vibes solo. As he does, Mallory goes over to him & feels his body while he plays. In steps Leo the lifeguard, blows his whistle & tells Mallory.

LEO: Hands off the hottie. This isn't an R rated fanfic!

MALLORY: My boyfriend.

LEO: My rules!

Leo bumps Josh off the vibes where Josh lands on the floor of his recording studio. It's all a dream. He spots Leo playing his vibes & then grabs his mallets.

LEO: What's the big idea?

JOSH: You didn't have to ruin my dream!

LEO: Dreaming you were a hotshot musician, sportin the sexy swimwear at a pool party gig. Give me a reason why you don't wear super sized trunks.

JOSH: YMCA champion swimmer in my teen years. And I fantasized that Mallory's in the band.

LEO: Your new girlfriend you met @ Camp Jazz? Oh brother. (Then he changes the subject) My brothers & I have something to show you. Wanna sport the Ex-Cel outfit & come over?

JOSH: Sure.

Josh changes into Ex-Cel Dude, then he punches in some numbers on his new security code to keep the place safe. Then he gives Leo a lift on his ninja motorcycle & headed over to their secret lair.

At the secret lair, they spot the other Turtles gathered round the tv.

LEO: Our guest of honor is here!

RAPH: Have we got something for you.

EX-CEL: A porno film?

Raph whacks his head.

DON: Ex-Cel, I've been working on this for months. All us Turtles worked a camcorder (mostly me) on a project. Check it out.

MIKEY: Do my dvd first!

DON: No. We gotta start at the beginning.

Don puts a dvd into the player, hits play. The scene features Raph & Mikey in the sewer below the streets.

MIKEY: How long does it take for a pizza to deliver?

RAPH: Chill, why don't you do something with your hands. Practice your nunchuks,

Mikey does, but during his practice, he drops a set. So when he searches for it, he discovers some drumsticks. Mikey picks them up & then starts banging on the sewer pipes, making music. Raph liked the idea of seeing his brother drumming. When they finally got their pizza, they went home & ate. Raph told his brothers an idea he had.

The video stops.

EX-CEL: Is this about how you got started playing as a band?

LEO: Yeah. Why not watch the rest.

EX-CEL: Next chapter.

2 - Mikey & Raph

Ex-Cel continued watching the dvd. Splinter discovers that his sons are trying to play instruments. Mikey & Raph each had a Fender Strat electric guitar. Raph's messing around while Mikey strums chords.

SPLINTER: What's the meaning of this?

They stop playing.

MIKEY: Sensei, we were learning to play the guitar.

RAPH: I'm teaching myself to play while Mikey's learning through a book. Mikey's doing Polly Wolly Doodle which sounds Polly Wolly Crappy!

SPLINTER: A Simpsons joke. Are you doing this to torture me?

MIKEY: No, maybe we wanna give music a chance. Give our hands something to do.

SPLINTER: What about Leo & Don?

They hear Leo playing bass while Don's learning the keytar.

The Turtles practice daily, even Splinter's pleased to see Raph & Mikey getting along for once. Raph playing guitar while Mikey writes on his notepad. They were writing their own songs. When it came time to have the band, Raph & Mikey had a boxing match to determine who'd play guitar. Mikey won with a lucky blow, while Raph had to settle for playing the drums.

When Mikey went skateboarding, he hears a sexy tone of a saxophone. Then he discovers that Raph's playing.

MIKEY: So this is where you've been hiding.

Raph stops playing.

RAPH: Yeah, I've been teaching myself the sax. Thought I could play sexy sounds while Don has drum programs on his keytar. Get nowhere playing drums.

MIKEY: Maybe you could play a little jazz.

RAPH: I hate jazz! Not gonna be another Lisa Simpson, Bart!

After they improved, Splinter told his sons that you can accomplish a lot more with an instrument in your hand, then a weapon.

EX-CEL: Is this when Coming Out of Their Shells started?

LEO: Yeah.

3 - Extra Features

Just then, Venus came from the other room. She came over to Leo & they kissed.

RAPH: Gross, go get a room.

VENUS: Quiet! I was in my room meditating until you boys were watching videos.

MIKEY: Thought you were single again Leo.

LEO: Grow up.

DON: Can we get back to the dvds?

Don shows the gang highlights from their Coming Out of Their Shells tour. Also featured in this video were when the Turtles had autograph greet & meet sessions. Josh is surprised that they have him talking to Mikey when he was 4 years old. Mikey encouraged Josh to play guitar.

EX-CEL: Who knew?

Don goes back to the main menu & clicks on the entry, "TMNT Ads."

DON: This is when we did TMNT action figure ads.

RAPH: Please don't tell me you have my humiliating moment.

VENUS: Did they dress you as a clown?

RAPH: No.

This section showed each of the Turtles doing action figure ads. On Mikey's ad, they showed him wearing a cowboy hat, swaying back & forth on a horse, which turned out to be a big hobby horse. Mikey's plugging his Cowboy Mikey figure. Near a fake cactus is Raph, wearing a cowboy hat, playing background music on a brown sunburst electric guitar.

RAPH: Man, what humiliation. Being a rocker, playing country cowboy music.

MIKEY: But you helped me out when the guitarist sprained his arm. You came through for me.

EX-CEL: And me. I taped that commercial & learned that guitar riff when I was older.

Raph leaves & then comes back with his electric guitar. He hands it to Es-Cel & tells him to play it.

Ex-Cel plays that 30 second guitar bit perfectly.

MIKEY: Guys, we got our own videos to watch! One's starring me!

LEO: Later.

4 - The Rest of the DVD

Don tells Ex-Cel that the next videos is their personal musical styles. Mikey bugs Leo to play Mikey's dvd first.

RAPH: Quit pestering Leo or I'll spray you with Raid!

MIKEY: RAAAAAAAAIIIIIIIIID!!!

(BOOM!)

RAPH: Try Raid, kills pests dead!

VENUS: (Laughs) That's funny!

LEO: No, that's another in joke our writer/director slipped in. Better play Mikey's chapter first.

Leo clicks on Mikey. Mikey talks to the camera in his bedroom.

MIKEY: When I saw Raph play the guitar in that commercial, I decided that he could play the guitar while I played the drums. But when we went to a recording studio...

At the recording studio, Mikey sees some percussion instrumnts they already had. First, Mikey banged on the chimes.

RAPH: Leave the instruments alone, this isn't Christmas!

LEO: Raph, let Mikey have fun.

Then Mikey discovered a pair of tympanis, grabbed some mallets & messed on them. He even tried playing a drumroll.

MIKEY: I LOVE PLAYING TYMPANI! COOL!

RAPH: We're a pop band, not a symphony orchestra!

MIKEY: I'll find a way to fit them in our music!

Back to his bedroom...

MIKEY: I did get my own tympani set for Christmas.

Leo puts it back on the main menu.

MIKEY: Where's the rest?

DON: Don't wanna show that scene in front of Raph.

EX-CEL: What scene?

RAPH: Find out later in the fanfic.

Don clicks on his face. There it shows him playing funky music on his bass guitar. Don stops & talks to the camera.

DON: Like Mikey & Raph, Leo & I switched instruments as well. Kinda like playing instruments that require a bass clef.

Don gets off the bass & puts on his sousaphone.

DON: That's right, I play the tuba or sousaphone. When helping April take inventory of her shop, she gave me an old white tuba. So I fixed it up & played. My brothers & Splinter didn't like it. But I met a band geek who taught me to play the sousaphone. I like to play funky on the tuba.

Don plays a funky sousaphone solo. Then it automatically goes back to the main menu.

Leo then clicked on his own face. The video opened with him playing funky music on the organ. Then he talks to the camera.

LEO: Playing the organ relaxes me. Sometimes I sing or other times, I would meditate by playing. Anyways, after Don took the bass, I wanted to be Mr. Keyboard. So besides the organ, I also play the vibes.

Leo gets off the organ & goes to his vibes set. He picks up some mallets & plays a cool solo. After that vibraphone solo, Leo talked to the camera.

LEO: When Master Splinter sent me to fetch Raph. I caught him in Central Park, watching a street jazz band play. He didn't want to leave because he watched a guitarist solo. But after that, I got mesmerized by the sound of the vibes. When their gig was up, some punks attacked them, so Raph & I kicked some shell. The band was so grateful, the guitarist gave Raph on how to play jazz guitar while the vibes dude taught me to play the vibes. Raph digs my music & Ex-Cel likes to play with me.

When that chapter's over, Leo clicked on Raph. Raph's in his bedroom playing a jazz electric guitar.

RAPH: So I'm a rough Turtle that likes to play rock, metal, and anything hip. But that jazz guitarist taught me how to play scales, chords & even make my own solos. In fact, I don't sing that much while I play, not like Ex-Cel. When I'm not sparring with Ex-Cel, we jam on the guitars/

The dvd's done. Leo places it in a container & gives it to Mikey.

EX-CEL: So that's your musical bios.

MIKEY: Yeah. Wanna play the rest at your place?

EX-CEL: What's on there?

MIKEY: You'll have to find out.

Once they left. Raph yelled...

RAPH: You'll be sorry!

5 - Missing Feature

Over @ Josh's pad, Mikey & Josh went to his bedroom to view the rest of the dvd. They saw Leo training Mikey on the weights, doing push-ups, chin-ups & then swimming.

When they came back from swimming, Mikey found his pair of tympanis in the gym.

MIKEY: What gives? Why are my drums in the gym?

LEO: Don't ask questions. Play.

Mikey goes over & plays. As he's playing, he sees Leo doing some bodybuilder poses, showing off his muscles. Raph enters & is angry at the both of them.

RAPH: WHAT THE SHELL'S GOING ON?

Mikey stops playing.

MIKEY: Leo brought the drums here, I didn't.

LEO: I'm trying to motivate Mikey to exercise so he could have a buffed up body.

RAPH: Yeah! Well you know I got the better muscles, so I challenge you to a pose-off, Leo!

LEO: You're on.

Mikey plays tympani music while Leo & Raph have a pose-off. They outdid each other that they ended up in a fight. At that point, the dvd goes back to the main menu.

JOSH: What happened?

MIKEY: Don got tired of filming, so he turned off the camcorder.

JOSH: Don't blame him. No wonder Raph said "you'll be sorry."

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