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Schwartzman and family control Hollywood



From left to right - Jason Schwartzman, Owen Wilson, and Adrien Brody star in *The Darjeeling Limited* CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Jason Schwartzman has come a long way since playing the eccentric Max Fischer in 1998's *Rushmore*. Schwartzman, the nephew of renowned film director Francis Ford Coppola, who has had successes in film and in music, can be seen in 2007's *The Darjeeling Limited* and the upcoming *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*, where he plays Ringo Starr. The 27-year-old actor and musician is just one of many family members who have had mainstream success. With the success of his movies and his music, Schwartzman has become one of the most well-known players in Hollywood media.

Mostly known for his movies, Schwartzman has had a successful career as a musician; however, many people aren't aware of it. Countless teenagers may not know him, but as the former drummer and songwriter for the California-based Phantom Planet, Schwartzman has penned one of the most rec-

ognizable theme songs for our generation. His most successful song to date, "California," can be heard as the intro to the now defunct hit television series "The O.C."

But his music career is much more than that. In March of 2007, Schwartzman released an iTunes album with his new project Coconut Records on his new label Young Baby Records. Fittingly, his newest single from the record, entitled "West Coast," appeared on the same show that catapulted his musical career—the final episode of "The O.C." The album was produced by Mike Einziger and showcases Kirsten Dunst on the tracks "This Old Machine" and the single "Summer Days," which was featured on the *Spiderman 3* original soundtrack.

His latest Hollywood appearances have landed Schwartzman in the limelight. In 2006, he appeared in *Marie Antoinette*, where he met Dunst. His cousin Sofia Coppola directed the film. More recently, he appeared in *The Darjeeling Limited*, starring Owen Wilson and Adrien Brody, which told the tale of three estranged brothers who bond throughout their trip in India. The film was nominated for the Golden Lion Award at the Venice Film

Festival.

Dec. 21 marks the release of his newest project, *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*. In the film, Schwartzman plays Ringo Starr, drummer for The Beatles, in a star-studded faux-Beatles lineup. Jack Black (*High Fidelity*, *School of Rock*, *Nacho Libre*) plays the roll of Paul McCartney, Paul Rudd (*Anchorman*, *Knocked Up*, *Clueless*) takes on John Lennon and Justin Long (*Accepted*, *Waiting*, *Live Free or Die Hard*) does his best George Harrison. Aside from The Beatles, The White Stripes' Jack White will play Elvis Presley.

Whether it's singing and songwriting or writing and starring in movies, Schwartzman and his entire family continue to take American entertainment by storm. From Coppola's *Apocalypse Now* to his nephew's *The Darjeeling Limited*, the whole crew remains in the upper echelon of Hollywood. "I love them more than anything and we're a very tight family and a very normal family," said Schwartzman. "I have the best brothers and mom and cousins and everything in the entire world."

Schwartzman family ties:

Mother: Talia Shire (actress)
 • *The Godfather* (1972)- Connie Corleone Rizzi
 • *Rocky* (1976)- Adrianna "Adrian" Pennino (Also in *Rocky II, III, IV, V*)
 • *I Heart Huckabees* (2004)- Mrs. Silver



Father: Jack Schwartzman (producer)
 • *Never Say Never Again* (1983)

Brother: Robert Carmine (musician)
 • Lead singer of the band Rooney

Half-Brother: John Schwartzman (cinematographer)
 • *Conspiracy Theory* (1997)
 • *The Rookie* (2002)
 • *Meet the Fockers* (2004)

Uncle: Francis Ford Coppola (producer)
 • *Apocalypse Now* (1979)
 • *The Godfather Trilogy: 1901-1980* (1992)
 • *The Virgin Suicides* (1999)
 • *The Good Shepherd* (2006)
 • *Marie Antoinette* (2006)



Cousin: Nicolas Cage (actor)
 • *The Rock* (1996)
 • *Con Air* (1997)
 • *Face/Off* (1997)
 • *Gone in Sixty Seconds* (2000)
 • *Ghost Rider* (2007)

Cousin: Sofia Coppola (writer, producer & actress)
 • Writer: *Lost in Translation* (2003)
Marie Antoinette (2006)

• Producer: *Lost in Translation* (2003)
Marie Antoinette (2006)

• Actress: *The Outsiders* (1983)
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace

Cousin: Roman Coppola (actor & unit director)
 • Actor: *Apocalypse Now* (1979)
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999)
 • Unit Director: *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* (2004)
The Darjeeling Limited (2007)

Cousin: Christopher Coppola (writer)
 • *Gunfighter* (1998)
 • *Palmer's Pick Up* (1999)



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Behrend choir sings Friday at 8

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Rarely do college choirs get to display every inch of their talent, and every minute of their preparation, during a concert. Often, choirs feature concerts full of bland programs that bore audiences. Penn State Behrend's choirs, under the direction of new instructor Dr. Jason Bishop, plans to do just the opposite.

The choirs will feature all twelve moments of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" choral masterpiece. The performance will also feature two of Handel's "Messiah" choruses. The chorus performance, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 30, will be a union of "European and African tradition," and will feature several different cultures' holiday pieces.

The concert will be free for all students who show Penn State ID, \$3 for faculty, and \$5 for all others.

The choirs at Behrend will also feature a cop with the Erie Philharmonic Choir on Dec. 8 where they will do a performance under the dual direction of both Bishop and the Erie Philharmonic Choir's new director.

For those interested in joining the choir, contact Bishop at djb46@psu.edu.

Those interested in attending the winter concert can buy tickets at the door of the Smith Chapel, where the concert will be held, at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

"Top 12 Animal-Related Bands or Musicians"

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12. Animal Collective
11. Wolf Parade
10. Modest Mouse
9. The Byrds
8. Squirrel Nut Zippers
7. Pedro the Lion
6. Minus the Bear
5. Band of Horses
4. Reel Big Fish
3. The Eagles
2. Andrew Bird
1. The Beatles

Like Cuomo, like Weezer

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The Cuomo River is back. Sorry, Rivers Cuomo. Anyways he's back, and he looks to sound wonderful.

Rivers Cuomo, front man of the well-known alt-rock band Weezer, is releasing a compilation of rarities recorded primarily by himself from 1992-2007. This may seem a bit strange considering he's stuck with his group for so long, so why is he going solo?

He's not. This is merely a side project for Cuomo, as the band is expected to release their sixth album in April. And who can blame him after the band slowly worked their way from rock to effortless pop (made obvious in the commercially successful "Beverly Hills", which also made critics nationwide vomit everywhere)? Their music has obviously taken a turn towards the pop-rock scene and it's understandable for an artist to become frustrated in these hard times.

Alone- *The Home Recordings of Rivers Cuomo*. On this experiment, Cuomo plays all the instruments, covers a few classics, and includes the demo for the "Buddy Holly" that was featured on Weezer's debut album.

Cuomo doesn't want this project to take anything away from the original band, but just feels that it's time he showed a different side of himself to the world.

The band has been working on their new album for some time, and Cuomo says that the album is experimental and a lot of firsts will be happening on the record. Other musicians will be singing some of the lead vocals, which is extremely rare, and a lot of different people have contributed to the writing.

The album is only several months away from its release, but is already gaining much attention from die-hard fans everywhere. "It just sounds like four guys going totally crazy in a studio," Cuomo says and he really emphasizes how much the other band members have put into this album. "It's time, we want to do some different stuff here."

So Cuomo, on Dec. 18, will be releasing



Front man for Weezer. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO