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Hooster is proud to present their debut album, Rotate.

Rotate contains 10 slices of finely crafted rock following up on the success of Hooster's first single, "Lucy". The Album includes indie rock radio favourite "Rotate", new single "Throw" and other pop-tastic cuts to boot.

Hooster are the up-and -coming future of Kiwi rock. The big sweeping guitars and thrashing drums will stick in your head" - *Dan Morrow, Rip It Up*

"The length of time they've been doing it shines through, as the song writing is pretty damn polished.... with these kinds of songs it surely won't be too long before further successes come Hooster's way"

- *Gavin Bertram, Real Groove*

"Nicely put together, this is a debut to be pleased about"

- *Claire Nelson, NZ Musician*



Since their inception in 1998 three piece Christchurch rock band Hooster have had more than their share of exciting moments.

Hooster's first batch of demo songs were recorded by Failsafe boss Rob Mayes. With these recordings the band enter every demo competition known to man. Before they knew it the band had won the Edge's best song competition, bestowing on them the privilege to share stages with the likes of Garageland and Killing Heidi. Another result quickly followed; the band "wins" a NZ On Air Recording Grant for their song "Lucy".

The resulting recording satisfies the bands need for something a little more solid and powerful, and the track was included on Indie Hit Disc 18. The track also won the band a weeks high rotate on Channel Z as the first band on "Unsigned", a segment for up and coming NZ artists.

The band finds further success with a More FM demo competition for their track "JFK", winning the band studio time to record the song to single standard.

This track is included on the bands Rotate E.P., along with the NZ On Air version of "Lucy", live favourite "Blowtorch", and the bands new favourite track "Rotate". This song was from sessions recorded at a disused meat packing factory for that big natural reverb sound.

The band then win themselves the coveted support slot for a Shihad tour. The band enlist the services of London-based Marc Swadel, veteran of many NZ video clips, to come over and film the video.

The band then release their debut E.P. and video, selling all the copies they had at their release party, and continue to work on their forthcoming album.

"Rotate" is submitted to NZ On Air and immediately gains a position on Indie Hit Disc 21 and spends 2 weeks being Generator FM's most requested song. The Rock and Channel Z also come to the party, playing the more retro rockin' tracks off the E.P.

The band continue with high profile supports, including Elemeno P and Blindspott, and also appear on TV 2's Space. The band were also incredibly surprised one night after drinking Canterbury Draught in the practice room. A new local knowledge question under the bottle top asks "Which Christchurch based band released the Rotate E.P. in 2002?"

Great headliners and supports keep coming, including Tadpole, Zed, PanAm and Australian bands Grinspoon, Shatterspeed and Screamer. An article in Rip It Up gives the band a glowing review for the Rotate E.P., stating it "would be a hard debut for any band to follow".

Hooster start 2004 off nicely with an internet competition giving bands a chance to play at the Big Day Out. All the winning band has to do is obtain the most votes. Hooster put out the word to their people and win the competition over hundreds of other bands with an excess of 3500 votes.

After appearances on C-4 and TV3, and numerous write ups, the band open the Big Day Out to a responsive audience. The band enjoy the rest of the day, with one band member rumoured to have chatted up Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas. So infamous was this story the guilty member returned to C-4 for a second interview on "Homegrown". The band also open the Rock's "Big Day After" party at the King's Arms.

After appearing on TV 2's "National Anthem", the band release the Rotate album to rave reviews. The second video single off the album, "Throw", is produced by local movie stalwart Aden Shillito, and receives play on C-4 and Juice.

2005 see even more high profile supports with Gramsci, Autozamm and Eight. Renewed interest in the song "Rotate" is apparant after appearing on the "Keeping Secrets" christchurch compilation.

"Rotate" is now a signature tune on XSTV, so Hooster plan to take this song and the album to the masses!