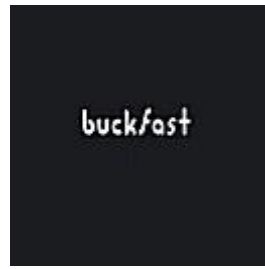


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down at the drums, gave a quick nod, and blew the roof off the place. It didn't take long for Belonogoff and Forte to realize he would be a sensational fit. The band was formed, and through the suggestion of Irishman Breslin, they found the perfect name. Buckfast went right to work, writing new tunes and honing their chops playing live as often as possible. The hard work and dedication paid off: By early 2003, the word on Buckfast had spread down to Los Angeles. Their demo found its way into the hands of producer / engineer, Dave Schiffman who had worked with acts such as Audioslave, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Mars Volta. The result was a six-track EP recorded at Sausalito's famed Plant Recording Studios and released in early 2004. Following the release of the EP, the band took to the road to build up their following, grass-roots style. Today the band's fan base easily fills, if not sells out, live music venues such as San Francisco's Great American Music Hall, Slim's and Bottom of the Hill. The band is also featured every month at Los Angeles' Viper Room. Just finishing up a month-long tour of the West Coast, buckfast is back in the studio with Dave Schiffman preparing for their first full-length release. The band has plans for a nationwide tour as well as a tour of the U.K. in 2005.

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