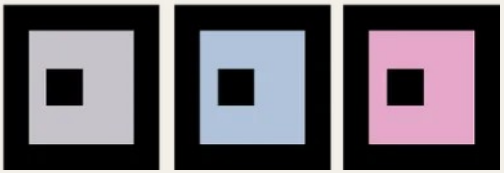


SLIGHTLY LEFT OF CENTRE



Melodic pop, rock and funk from Melbourne, Australia.

Original vocalist Christian Murphy and founding member Michael Pace reunite in 2026, beginning the next chapter of a band formed in 2010.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Slightly Left of Centre is a Melbourne pop, rock and funk project formed in 2010. Across two albums and a catalogue of independent singles, the band has connected melodic songwriting with an evolving approach to recording and production. In 2026, original vocalist Christian Murphy returned to join founding guitarist, songwriter and producer Michael Pace, opening a new chapter in a partnership that began with the band's earliest recordings.

ARTIST INFORMATION

Origin Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Formed 2010

Genres Pop / Rock / Funk / Alternative Pop

Current members Christian Murphy / Michael Pace

Studio & production Pace Audio

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FULL ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Formed in Melbourne in 2010, Slightly Left of Centre brings together melodic pop and rock, funk rhythms and detailed studio production. Across more than fifteen years, the independent project has developed through changing line-ups and collaborations, with songwriting, groove and emotional storytelling at its core.

The band's debut album, *The Right Direction* (2012), introduced a guitar-driven sound built around Christian Murphy's vocals, the guitars of Michael Pace and Karl Szulik, Jason Staindl's bass and Vince Iannotti's drums. Written and performed by Slightly Left of Centre, the ten-track album was produced by the band and Michael Zammit of Airwaves Recording Studios.

Love the Way You Move marked a shift towards funk and contemporary pop in 2013. Its animated video, produced by Melbourne studio Oh Yeah Wow and directed by Ben Ommundson and Aaron McDonald, brought a distinctive visual identity to the release. The recording was engineered by Slightly Left of Centre, mixed by the band and Michael Pace at Pace Audio, and mastered by Tom Coyne at Sterling Sound in New York.

With Adam Spicer joining on vocals and keyboards in 2014, the band broadened its sound through electronic textures, layered arrangements and dance influences. Spicer, Pace and Iannotti formed the core of the *Euphoria* era, culminating in the twelve-track second album in 2019. Karl Szulik returned on bass for selected live performances, alongside Olivia Drake on keyboards and backing vocals.

Following *Euphoria*, SLC continued through a series of independent singles, including *Superhero*, *Lonely Dancer*, *Yesterday* and *Monsters*. Pace's work in songwriting, arranging, recording and production became increasingly central to the project, supported by the creative environment of his Melbourne business, Pace Audio. Original guitarist Karl Szulik reconnected with the project during 2024-2025.

In 2026, Christian Murphy returned to Slightly Left of Centre for the first time since his departure in 2013. Together with Michael Pace, he reconnects the voice of the band's formative years with the production experience and creative independence developed across its subsequent releases. The current chapter builds on that shared history while looking towards new music.

CURRENT MEMBERS

CHRISTIAN MURPHY

Vocals

2010-2013 · 2026-present

Original vocalist Christian Murphy helped establish Slightly Left of Centre's early identity, fronting the band through The Right Direction and the Love the Way You Move period. His return in 2026 renews his creative partnership with Michael Pace and brings the voice of the debut era into the band's current work.

MICHAEL PACE

Guitars · Songwriting · Production · Multi-instrumentation

2010-present

Founding member Michael Pace has remained involved throughout every era of Slightly Left of Centre. Beginning as guitarist and songwriter, his role developed to include arranging, engineering, programming, mixing, additional instrumentation and creative direction. Through Pace Audio, he connects the band's songwriting with its recording and visual production.

LIVE CONTRIBUTORS

OLIVIA DRAKE

Keyboards · Backing vocals

Selected Euphoria-era live performances

Olivia Drake joined the expanded live line-up during the Euphoria era. Her keyboards and backing vocals helped translate the band's layered studio arrangements to the stage, supporting the richer textures and vocal detail of its production-led material.

FORMER MEMBERS

VINCE IANNOTTI

Drums

2010-2019

Founding drummer Vince Iannotti contributed across the band's first decade, from its original line-up and *The Right Direction* through to the development of *Euphoria*. His drumming provided continuity as SLC moved from guitar-driven pop and rock towards funk, electronic textures and more rhythm-focused arrangements. Alongside Michael Pace and Adam Spicer, he formed the core line-up of the *Euphoria* era.

JASON STAINDL

Bass

2010-2013

Original bassist Jason Staindl was part of the five-piece line-up that established Slightly Left of Centre in 2010. His tenure encompassed the band's debut album, *The Right Direction*, and continued through the *The Love the Way You Move* period. Working alongside drummer Vince Iannotti, he contributed to the rhythm section during the band's transition from melodic pop-rock to a stronger emphasis on funk and groove.

ADAM SPICER

Vocals · Keyboards

2014-2021

Adam Spicer joined Slightly Left of Centre in 2014, introducing a new vocal character and a greater role for keyboards. Together with Michael Pace and Vince Iannotti, he helped develop the sound that became *Euphoria*: contemporary pop shaped by funk, electronic production and layered studio arrangements. His involvement extended beyond the album's 2019 release into the band's subsequent period of independent singles.

KARL SZULIK

Guitars · Bass for selected live performances

Guitars: 2010-2012, 2014-2023 · 2024-2025

Original guitarist Karl Szulik contributed to Slightly Left of Centre's formative line-up and *The Right Direction* era. He later returned on bass for selected *Euphoria*-era live performances, linking the band's earliest chapter with its expanded stage line-up. Szulik worked with the project again during 2024-2025, reconnecting with SLC after more than a decade of musical and production development.

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

2012 / ALBUM

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The ten-track debut pairs melodic pop-rock songwriting with guitars and live instrumentation. Written and performed by Slightly Left of Centre; produced by the band and Michael Zammit of Airwaves Recording Studios.

- 01 Glorious Way
- 02 Troubled Minds
- 03 Rewind
- 04 To Be With You
- 05 Be No Evil
- 06 Teeming
- 07 Silver Lining
- 08 Something You Should Know
- 09 Dreams Will Follow
- 10 Saviour Song

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2019 / ALBUM

EUPHORIA

The twelve-track second album expands SLC's sound with keyboards, funk rhythms, electronic textures and layered pop production.

- 01 Euphoria
- 02 Call Me for the Weekend
- 03 All Day Long - feat. Damielou Shavelle
- 04 Naked
- 05 Gonna Get Your Love
- 06 Linger
- 07 Trophy Girl
- 08 Living in the Moment
- 09 True Love
- 10 Giving Up
- 11 Let Go
- 12 Without You

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INDEPENDENT SINGLES / 2019-2023

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| Superhero (2019) | Love the Way You Move - Acoustic Version (2021) |
| Mad World (2020) | Yesterday (2022) |
| Lonely Dancer (2020) | In This Life (2022) |
| Crown the Throne (2021) | Monsters (2023) |

Earlier singles include Glorious Way, Silver Lining, Love the Way You Move, Call Me for the Weekend, Euphoria, Naked and Without You.

MEDIA & BOOKINGS

ABC RAGE

Glorious Way received multiple broadcasts in July 2010. The animated video for Love the Way You Move also aired in July 2013.

AUSTRALIAN MUSICIAN MAGAZINE

Featured the band during the development of Euphoria, exploring its musical influences, live performance and hands-on approach to recording and production.



ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPH / 2012

Glorious Way era. This image represents an earlier line-up. Contact the band for current promotional images, photo credits and publication enquiries.

[Promotional images online](#)

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