

Paprika Balkanicus



A fiery blend of traditional & gypsy music to move your groove & touch your soul

Masters of great atmosphere, **Paprika Balkanicus** are fast becoming one of the hottest newcomers in world music. Their electrifying show of fantastic musicianship and witty stage presence will have you tapping your toes and bursting to bop right out of your seat.

These virtuoso musicians from Romania, Serbia and Slovenia on violin, guitar, double bass and accordion play a fiery blend of traditional and Gypsy music from the Balkan Peninsula's incredible musical history.

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Described as a gypsy riot, they have already won themselves a substantial following in the UK, Europe and Japan.

From silky-smooth stroking tones to lightning-speed furious arpeggios, violinist Bogdan Vacarescu's blurred fingers lure some of the most beautiful and passionate melodies ever written for violin.

Next to him Jozef Secnik on double bass and Vlad Jovic on guitar provide an intriguing harmonic foundation of frequently odd rhythms with unpredictable solo eruptions.

Flanked by Milos Milivojevic on accordion, the band can sound as soft as a whisper or larger than life

2007 was a triumphant year for the group; along the highly successful tours in Japan and Norway, they seduced masses at a number of the biggest British and international festivals over the Summer of '07, including Glastonbury, Kingston Green Fair, Balkan Fever London, Secret Garden Party, Diaspora Music Village (Hyde Park), Exit (Serbia) and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

This year they performed at some of the most prestigious concert halls and clubs in UK and France such as Royal Festival Hall, Carling Academy Islington, Bruntwood Theatre Manchester, Tate Modern and New Morning - Paris to name but a few.

Band members have previously worked with Nigel Kennedy, World Youth Orchestra, Neil Innes and Tommy Emmanuel and won numerous awards including Spirit of the Fringe and the BBC World Music Award.

Their self-titled debut album is available to buy at their concerts or through their website.

www.myspace.com/paprikabalkanicus

“Amazing performance – they hit the audience like a Balkan storm!” JVC Japan

National Tour Dates

Brisbane @ BRISBANE POWERHOUSE 31 May & 1 June www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

Melbourne @ THE TOFF IN TOWN 2 June www.thetoffintown.com

Melbourne @ EAST BRUNSWICK CLUB 5 June www.eastbrunswickclub.com

Adelaide @ ADELAIDE CABARET FESTIVAL 11, 12,13, 14 June www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com