



Jazz? Pop? Latin? Funk? ...BONGOMATIK !

Bongomatik is a young nine-piece band, based in the Netherlands. They describe their music as an 'extremely refreshing and danceable mix of Cuban soul, desert grooves, Bombay boogie and twelve tone funk'

The debut album was released in 2011 and generated a lot of attention with a hit in the Colombian charts, airplay, great reviews, and a nomination for 'Video of the Year' for the Jazz Journalists Association Awards.

November 2013 the second album 'Bongomatik Your Life' was released. On this new album you can hear how Bongomatik has evolved in a mature way. The 13 original compositions each have a fresh new sound and have a strong live feel. All the tracks were recorded live in the studio by the entire rhythm section. No overdubs on solo's and tricky bits: what you hear is what you get.

Since May 2015, Bongomatik is realizing their Bongomatik Calendar, releasing one single and video-clip every month. All those new tracks will come out in fall 2016, making the third album of the band. Check all the videos on their YouTube channel 'bongomatikmusic'.

The notorious Bongomatik Company that became famous in the 50's and 60's inspires the band name, styling and presentation.

Back in those years this company created an enormous hype with their incredibly designed gadgets and kitchen equipment. Thus the term 'Bongomatik' became synonym for cool, hip and being in tune with modern society.

Bongomatik is not only the name of this band; it's just the best way to describe their music.

Bongomatik is:

Yumarya Grijt aka Chi Chi Zaagsel – vocals

Alberto Caicedo aka Beto – vocals, trombone, percussion

Xiomara Virdo aka Ksenia Vladilova – vocals

Mick Paauwe aka Mika Ela – bass

Leon de Engelsen aka Synth Silvester – keys

Pim Dros aka Pedros Tres – drums

Jens Kerkhoff aka Al Siniterio – percussion

George Pancras aka Jorge Cruz – trumpet

Thomas Hilbrandie aka Thom Cruise – guitar

Bongomatik has performed at:

Festivals: Dunya festival, De Parade, Young Arts Festival, Jazz in Duketown, Dias Latinos, Schelde-Jazz, Afro-Latino Festival, Totaal Festival, De Karavaan, Swingin' Groningen, Jazz at the Hop, Jazz bij Duurstede, Breda Jazz Festival, Pole Pole, Gentse Feesten, etc.

Venues: Bimhuis, North Sea Jazz Club, De Doelen, Prospero, DJS, Dizzy, Meterhuis, Rotown, het Paard, etc.

Radio / TV: Met het oog op morgen, Mijke's Middag, TROS Muziekcafé, VPROJazz Live, Dicht Bij Nederland, AVRO Opium TV, etc

Season '12/'13 Bongomatik had a theatre-tour with the program 'Bongomatik Jazzbits Night'.

the press about Bongomatik:

'...this band is one of the biggest surprises of the last year [...] zippy, refreshing, disarming, funny, groovy and diverse...' (Slagwerkkraant)

'...for sure, this band will turn your program into a party...' (Het Parool)

'...a vital mix of Cuban, Columbian and Brazilian music, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Soul and Pop - filled with a lot of humor...' (Mixed World Music)

'... in the Netherlands we are spoiled [red.: with many great bands] but with this release, Bongomatik easily joins the top of Dutch bands. They are ready to go abroad...' (FileUnder)

"The summer is still far away – unless you turn on the happy sound of this album" (JAZZISM)

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