

"ONE OF THE DECADE'S MOST
IMPORTANT ARTISTS IN THE LATIN GENRE"

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GRUPO FANTASMA

THE GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING LATIN FUNK MASTERS



“LATIN MUSIC BOTH NEW AND TRADITIONAL...
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-WALL STREET JOURNAL

“REAL MUSICIANS PLAYING REAL MUSIC.”

-PRINCE

Austin-based pioneers in modern Latin music since 2000, Grupo Fantasma has been praised as one of the most important independent acts in the Latin genre and has continually defied expectations to create one of the most unique musical voices to come out of the United States in the two last decades. In 2011, they garnered further acclaim by winning a Grammy (their second such nomination) for their self-produced release *El Existential* on Nat Geo Music which the Wall Street Journal called “Latin music both new and traditional...vibrant fusions that transcend easy classification.”

The band’s incendiary live show, declared by NPR as “seamless whenever and wherever they’re on stage” has brought the band to major festivals and venues internationally including Bonnaroo, Austin City Limits, North Sea Jazz Festival (Curacao and Rotterdam) and Lowlands in the Netherlands, Kennedy Center, London’s O2 Arena, Montreal Jazz Festival, WOMEX, WOMAD, Tempo Latino (France) as well as two tours to Kuwait and Iraq to entertain US troops and a recent tour in Pakistan and Qatar. Their diverse spectrum of devoted fans speaks to the ensemble’s universal appeal beyond just Latin and world music.

In addition, they have served as the backing band for and collaborated on several occasions with the late, great, legendary Prince (ALMA Awards on ABC, Golden Globes, CBS Super Bowl Bash, 21 Nights in London), Fania All-Stars pianist Larry Harlow, Sheila-E, GZA of Wu-Tang Clan, Maceo Parker, Curt Kirkwood of the Meat Puppets, Ruben Ramos, GZA of the Wu-Tang Clan, cult-hero Daniel Johnston, indie rock standouts Spoon, Los Lobos and many others. They have appeared on the nationally syndicated PBS show Austin City Limits 3 times (2016, 2014, 2007). Their music has also appeared in many films and television series including *Breaking Bad* (AMC), *Weeds* (Showtime), *Frankie & Gracie* (Netflix), and *Law & Order* (NBC).

The nine piece musical collective consists of Jose Galeano (timbales, vocals), Kino Esparza (vocals, hand percussion), Beto Martinez (guitar), Greg Gonzalez (bass), John Speice (drums), Matthew “Sweet Lou” Holmes (congas), Gilbert Elorreaga (trumpet), Josh Levy (baritone saxophone) and Mark “Speedy” Gonzales (trombone).

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AVAILABILITY - YEAR-ROUND
TRAVEL PARTY - 9-10 PEOPLE
LANGUAGES - ENGLISH AND SPANISH

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