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## THE TIKIYAKI ORCHESTRA

### *An Adventure in Sound*

To begin to describe the sound of the Tikiyaki Orchestra, a good place to start would be to call them an "Instrumental Exotica" group. What is Exotica? According to Tiki Central, the web forum for all things Tiki : "Exotica music is a form of tropical-jazz, pioneered in the 1950s to sound exotic, atmospheric, and occasionally savage, but still wonderfully listenable to a westerner's ear. Exotica is the perfect music to complement a home tiki bar. It ranges from mellow to quite-swinging, but always has an alluring sound."

Exotica is the music of Tiki. Exotica, is where the Tikiyaki Orchestra start from....it's a "jumping off point", so to speak. From there it goes many places...Add some twangy surf guitar, a healthy dose of Mancini-esque Crime Jazz, Some Ennio Morricone style spaghetti western flavor, a little 60's sci-fi tv theme vibe, some groovy Bachelor Pad Lounge fun, some vintage Hawaiian overtones.....and on it goes. Amazingly, it all blends together and works. A perfect cocktail, many layered, many flavored, and damn tasty.

What main composer and band leader Jim Bacchi uses to elevate that cocktail and make it all work together, is catchy songwriting. The melodies come first.

Throughout the menagerie of instrumentation....Vibraphone, guitar, drums, bass, piano, organ, guitar, and a myriad of percussion instruments from around the world.....and varying rhythms and textures, there is a catchy little earworm to keep you singing along....the best part is, you don't need to know the words.....because there are none. What songs like "Pele's Kiss" or "Idol Worship" mean, is entirely up to you....but that music will paint a nice picture in which for your imagination to run wild. OR....just play it, and let it set the tone for the room, while you enjoy a cocktail of your own. The music is engaging and exciting, yet unobtrusive, sometimes subconscious even....if that's possible.

Live, the band delivers the goods, with top shelf musicianship, professional showmanship, and fun upbeat vibe. The Tikiyaki Orchestra has been wowing audiences since 2008, and with 4 great album releases, their international following has grown around the world. With the revival of the Tiki Bar, and craft tropical cocktails becoming more and more mainstream, more and more people are seeking to escape, which is why Tiki Bars became so popular in the late 50's.

At the 2015 Tiki Oasis opening night ceremony, (Tiki Oasis, held in San Diego, is the largest event celebrating the Tiki subculture which started in 2000....Comicon for Tiki, if you will), event producer Otto Von Stroheim introduced The Tikiyaki Orchestra as "The greatest Exotica band in the world"...

High praise indeed, but have a listen for yourself, and see what the fuss is about.



"StereoExotique"



"Swingin' Sounds for the Jungle Jetset"



"Aloha, Baby!"



"Idol Worship and other Primitive Pleasures"

## Booking Info

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