

# The MAGIC of SANTANA

"My thing is to try to open minds to observe a deep awareness – to real music, to divine music, to a real purpose in life."  
*Carlos Santana*

**Carlos Santana** is one of the few musicians who had current hits over five decades – in the sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties and present time. You can find elements of latin, rock, blues, jazz, funk and other influences in his music. It is a „magical“ idea with Carlos in the centre, which has intoxicated and enchanted generations of fans around the world.

## **The MAGIC of SANTANA - Europe´s No.1 SANTANA Show**

It all started with a shared vision – the vision to pass on the musical spirit which Carlos Santana has been captivating audiences with since Woodstock. A broad selection of his favourite songs inspires the audience and takes them to a musical journey through the work of this exceptional artist.

Nine musicians, who have teamed up in Hamburg, Germany, present the world famous Santana feeling on stage in an incredibly authentic way. No wonder the band is frequently presenting special guests from the exquisite circle of original members of SANTANA, such as the vocalist *Alex Ligertwood*. This alone is a sign of confidence in the quality of the band. Of course, the unique SANTANA-sound is presented with love to the detail as well as the original music instruments. Congas, bongos and timbales are – in addition to the distinctive guitar sound Santana – impressively presented. That distinctive guitar sound of Carlos will be authentically, yet with a personal note, performed for **The MAGIC of SANTANA** by *Gerd Schlueter*. A perfect complement to his guitar playing is the keyboarder *Jens Skwirblies*, who likewise has been influenced by the music of Santana since his earliest youth.

Pulsating percussion is another essential element of the SANTANA sound. Three percussionists, *Andreas Rohde* (timbales, cowbells and vocals), *Juergen Pfitzinger* (congas and bongos) as well as *Pablo Escayola* (congas, bongos and vocals) provide the typical latin feel of SANTANA. *Oliver Steinwede* (drums) and *Martin Hohmeier* (bass) generate the groove; *Olli Schroeder* provides guitar and vocals and is responsible for the authentic excitement. SANTANA's versatile music spans a bow from complex melodies in both english and spanish language over powerful rock songs to beautiful ballads. *Tom Friedlaender* (vocals) is the right man to present those songs with his charismatic voice.

Also, current and former musicians of Carlos Santana are included in the band at irregular intervals: *Alex Ligertwood* (vocals & guitar, Santana 1979 to 1994) for all almost every concert in 2016; *Tony Lindsay* (vocals, Santana 1994 – 2015); *Richard Baker* (keyboards, Santana 1980-1982); *Raul Rekow* (Congas, Santana -2013).

**The MAGIC of SANTANA** perform the SANTANA highlights of 40 years – many from legendary albums like „Abraxas“, „Santana III“, „Zebop!“, „Marathon“ and „Moonflower“.

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