

Salsa Kingz

Australia's Multi Award Winning Show Band



“The Darwin Star Ball was fortunate enough to have the Salsa Kingz entertain our 2019 Star Ball - Havana Nights. I don't know where to start... five star from start to finish. I can't thank Morris, Christian and the whole band enough for being so easy to work with and making it such a fun night for our guest”. - Kaye Gwyther | Starlight Children's Foundation NT

OUR STORY

The Salsa Kingz band is a multi-award winning party band that is honoured & proud to represent Latin music down under. They have blazed across Australian venues since 2004, passionately performing their contagious rhythms around the country and the Asia-Pacific region. What sets the Salsa Kingz apart is their strong showmanship with audiences and their ability to perform seamlessly both in English and Spanish. They have merged popular Latin tunes with classic Aussie anthems, adding their unique "Salsa twist" to every song making this a powerful recipe for their success. The show usually consists of a fun and interactive *Salsa Dance lesson* that has truly become their flagship style. Their ability to engage audiences and wow the crowd are second to none, making them a real party favourite.

Whilst keeping true to their Latin heritage, they remain a potent and pivotal force in the exciting Aussie "Salsa dance scene". This highly energised Show Band specialises in creating a "party atmosphere" like no other, guaranteeing to enthuse even the most demanding of audiences up on their feet! The best way to experience their unique energy is to catch them perform LIVE on stage, churning out their hot Salsa and Merengue tunes, with their super-tight brass arrangements, explosive Latin percussion with impassioned vocalists.

The band was formed by the founding band leader: Christian Guerrero, who is no stranger to the Latin scene. He was a former musician of the renowned sister band: Sonora Galaxia Band (1991-2002), extensively performing at many iconic venues including the closing ceremony of the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Combined, the Salsa Kingz had the honour of working alongside famous artists, such as the legendary Trombonist Jimmy Bosch from the USA, Jose Feliciano, Nicola Di Bari, Vanessa Amorosi, Jimmy Barnes, John Paul Young, Denni Hines, Savage Garden just to name a few.

Salsa Kingz have been nominated many times for best show band by *The Australian Club Entertainment Awards (ACE Awards)* in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

SALSA KINGZ AWARDS

- 2013 Latin American Entertainment Business Awards
- 2014 Marcia Legacy Award - The Sydney Latin Festival
- 2014 ACE AWARD - for Best Show Band Category
- 2015 ACE AWARD - for Best Show Band Category
- 2016 Darling Harbour Viva Fiesta Award - Sydney Festival

Today the band enjoys the success of many years of music. They are passionate about bringing Latin music to the world and continue to represent Latin music "Down Under" with a unique Australian style.

When it comes to Latin music, look no further than the Salsa Kingz Band to ignite your next event.

We invite you to find out more today at: www.SalsaKingz.com.au

"Our mission is to continue the legacy of our forefathers by sharing our passion for Latin music for all Australians to enjoy".

OUR MUSICIANS



Christian Guerrero is the band leader and producer of the Salsa Kingz Band. He is an Australian born Latin entertainer of Chilean descent. His charismatic personality coupled with his natural showmanship skills provides him the unique ability to engage audiences from all walks of life. Christian is a true showman in his field possessing the rare ability and feel for Show Business that has earned him the position as one of Australia's leading Latin entertainers.

His performing style includes Salsa, Jazz, Swing, Latin Pop, Soul, Rock and Pop. Christian interprets with conviction some of the greatest singers of all time, from Elvis Presley to Michael Bublé and from Dean Martin to Ricky Martin. Christian delivers time after time with the highest integrity and grace that wows audiences to their feet with his true Latino flare and style.

Christian regularly performs either as a solo cabaret act, as Master of Ceremonies or as an entertainer with his own Latin show-band. His passion for Latin music has taken him to stages all over Australian and through out Asia Pacific.

1989 - 1990	Pina Colada Band - Guitar / Trumpet
1991 - 2002	Sonora Galaxia Band - Band Leader
1999 - Present	Cabaret Lead Singer - Production Shows Lead Singer
2004 - Present	Salsa Kingz Band - Lead Singer - Band Leader

www.ChristianGuerrero.com



Lily Guerrero is a key player in the vibrant Sydney Latin scene. Born in Montreal, raised in Sydney on the South American folklore of her Chilean parents, Lily developed her interest in dance and song from a young age. She is now a versatile performer: she sings; she dances; she plays Cajon, Guitar and Charango.

Lily also sings and sways to the contagious rhythms of the award winning Show Band, Salsa Kingz. As a soloist, Lily brings her folklore touch to a range of cover material and original compositions.

2009 Self produced musical theatre project “Trayectoria”.

2012-2016 “Libelle” Co-founded a trio band writing and performing original music.

<https://youtu.be/frDb4bV8dp8>

2016 - Started playing cajon as a duo with my school friend Angela,

2017 - Started Solo Career <https://youtu.be/IfbW-uPz9X4>

- Recorded Charango parts for a short film

2018 - Teamed up with Andro Martinez to grow the Martinez production studios in Sans Souci and have been recording artist non stop for two years and going strong.



Junichi Shiomi is the official bass player of Salsa Kingz. Born in Japan 1962. Has worked in Japanese music industry since 1982 including international acts such as The Platters from USA (known with hit songs "Only you, Smoke gets in your eyes", etc), Michael Nyman (A film composer for "Piano, Zoo, Drowning by numbers, etc) as well as several Japanese artists and bands. Moved to Australia in 1991. Only 6 months after landing in Sydney he was on one of ABC radio program "First cut" with the band he worked for at the time. He also played drums on a Korean morning TV show broadcasted live from Bondi beach. Toured in East Timor invited for their carnival twice with another Brazilian artist Jeanne Bastos.

Other notable acts include: Rhythm IV Vision, Hot banana, Jose prates, Cumana, Bandida, Sandunga, Usutu, Afro Moses, Salsa Kings, Samba Mundi, Banda Mundo, Jeanne Bastos, Epizo Bangoura, Latin Fire, Caribbean Soul, Up Shot, Honey Dropper Horns, Calabash, Eddie do Brasil, Garis, Acoustic Soul, Leisure Bandit, Alpha Mama, Xa, Denis Gonzalez, Freja, UB42, Marillane de Mello, Merenia Gillies, Keyim Ba, Michele Rounds, Senani Wijesena, Maria Paras.



Lautaro Veloso is the official pianist, arranger and composer of Salsa Kingz Band. He has been playing piano since the age of 9. Born in 1981, he studied and graduated with a Bachelor of Music. He was targeted graduate and began working at Doonside Technology High as a high school classroom teacher. He began touring with a Cuban hip hop ensemble in London and got onto the festival circuit. Stayed on tour for 2 years. Lautaro returned home to

Australia and resumed teaching at Amity College as a high school classroom teacher. He is currently at teaching at the prestigious Amity College NSW with the new post of year 7 and 8 coordinator. Lautaro is an integral part of the Salsa Kingz. Also known affectionally as "el profe" (the teacher) by his fellow musicians, he has won the respect and admiration by his team and because of his humble nature, he is also known as the unofficial Musical Director of the band.



Jack Powell is the official drummer of the Salsa Kingz Band.

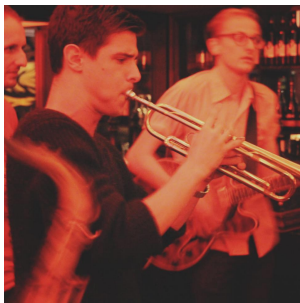
- winner of Billy Hyde national drum off 2011
- 2nd place Australia's best up and coming drummer
- recorded with Nick Littlemore (Empire of the Sun/Pnau), Craig Nichols (The Vines), White Shadows, Ed Wells, Sachiel, and Satoku Fuji (Japan)
- In 2019 performed with The Subterraneans, Steve Hunter (Chick Corea, Billy Cobham etc), Josh Reck, Salsa Kingz, Vanessa Amorosi, Sonic Mayhem Orchestra, James Ryan, Matt McMahon's subtle takeover, Ed Wells, Satoku Fuji free jazz band, Alister Spence, and Sandy Evans.
- Bachelor of Music/Education UNSW, currently doing honours thesis under Sandy Evans' supervision.



Marcel Viera is the guitarist, composer and arranger of Salsa Kingz. Born in 1976, he started learning guitar at age 6. Began working as a performing musician from the age of 15 (almost 30 years of performance experience). He has since performed with various Latin American ensembles, classical duets, Jazz combos and big bands, Rock and Pop bands and multiple musical productions.

- Regularly performed with Six Pak Productions for their stage shows since 2006 to present. From the age of 16, he has worked as an instrumental tutor. Previously tutored at the Penrith School of Guitar.

- 1994-1997 - Studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education.
 - During this time he was a pupil of Greg Pikler who at the time was the Head of Strings at the Conservatorium.
- 2001 - Began working as a high school music teacher. Currently the Music Coordinator at Cerdon College Merrylands. Working at Cordon College since 2007. Previously been a HSC Music examiner.
- 2009-2010 - self published two music education text books.
 - **'Introducing: The Guitar!'** And **'Introducing: The Keyboard!'** - www.melmarvi.com.au



William Endicott is a trumpet player and part of the horn section of Salsa Kingz. Started studying the trumpet at age 8 (20 years experience) Bachelor of Jazz Performance from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music (2011-2014)

Performed around Australia and NZ as a member of various bands (Hiltop Hoods, Salsa Kingz, Winston Surfshirt, Mark Vincent, Dean Lewis)

William currently teaches trumpet and conducts at Meriden Anglican School, Wahroonga Public School NSW and Mowbray Public School NSW. 10 years teaching experience.



Alexander Herran Castro is the official Trombonist and General Assistant of Salsa Kingz Band. Born in 1980, he started playing trombone at the age of 14. **He** is a Salsa Trombonist from Colombia. Studied Music at the conservatorium of Music 'Bellas Artes' Armenia-Quindio Colombia (1996 – 1999) Bachelor of music with emphasis on trombone. Joined the Philharmonic Orchestra 'National Government foundation Batuta' from 1997 – 2000 (70-piece orchestra) Lead trombone. He worked as a professional musician at the 'Department Orchestra of Quindío, a 60-piece brass band. (2000

– 2003)

In his time living in Colombia he played with several salsa/tropical bands which gave a

great and vast experience within the music scene. He played with 6.5 Scale salsa orchestra; Complot salsa orchestra & Esencia Latina orchestra.

Arrived in Australia in November 2003 and joined Club Habana Band for 1 year. He then joined the well-known Salsa orchestra Sonora Galaxia (2004 – 2006) From 2007 – 2012 he was part a few local bands such Kashe Orchestra & Latin8 Orchestra etc. He was also part of Latin Addiction orchestra (2013 – 2018) Since 2018 to present he is part of the most important award-winning party band SalsaKingz as a trombone player and band general assistant.



Harrison Ball has returned to Sydney after studying 2 years with Grammy award-winning Musician James Morrison at the University of South Australian. Whilst studying there Harrison has grown under the guidance of internationally recognized artists such as Wycliffe Gordon, Jeff Clayton, Matt Jodrell, Angela Davis, Ross Irwin, Jordan Murray, David Jones, Carl Mackey, Gileno Santana, James Morrison himself and many more. During Harrison's first two years at University, Harrison has performed on stage with many international and domestic artists. Harrison

has done three full Cruise ships contracts with two different cruise lines 'Royal Caribbean International' and 'Azamara' traveling across 36 countries around the 'Mediterranean', 'The Caribbean' and 'The Pacific Ocean' Harrison has shared the stage with many musicians from all across the world such as Vanessa Perica, Matt Jodrell, Jerry Nowak, Bob Coassin, Jeff Clayton, Carl Mackey, Roger Wright, Comedian Rick Corso, Gileno Santana, Paul Boland, Scott Record, Greg London, Dave & Paul Panichi and many more.

Expected in 11/2021
Sydney Conservatorium Of Music
The University Of Sydney
Bachelor of Arts: Jazz Performance

The James Morrison Academy Of
Music
South Australian University
Bachelor of Arts: Jazz Performance



Hugo Powell is the 2nd Bass Player for Salsa Kingz Band.

- Born in 1999, makes him one of the youngest team members.
- Has been playing Bass Guitar for 12 years
- Currently studying an Honours of Music/Education (Secondary) at the University of New South Wales full time
- Played in 'Six Degrees' Jazz band for 5 years and currently playing with Salsa Kingz and doing regular session work
- Toured USA playing Bass in the Chaplin Tribute band in 2014



Tony Manovski is the official guitarist of Salsa Kingz. Born in 1985, he started playing guitar at the age of 9. He has played for many bands in Australia and internationally in all genres.

COMPLEMENTING MUSICIANS

The above full-time musicians are complemented with the following talented musicians.



Aaron Cordova is the official Conga player for Salsa Kingz



Louis Cortes Timbales / Drums and Percussion



Luis Cortes on Bongo / Percussion



Claudio Munoz vocalist / back up singer