

Tamboura Rasa



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Ivan Tucakov & Tambura Rasa

Ivan Tucakov was born in Belgrade, Serbia. He spent the first eight years of his childhood in the plains of central Turkey after which he moved back to Serbia, both the crossroads of Eastern and Western Cultures. Throughout the years, Ivan has traveled extensively in pursuit of artistic inspiration. Since moving to Vancouver and finishing his computer science and physics honors program at University of British Columbia, he formed the Tambura Rasa collective with the aim of expanding the boundaries of world-fusion music.

As a writer and a composer, Ivan's artistic inclinations have taken him into various directions: releasing seven collections of original compositions under the world fusion act Tambura Rasa and two albums with pianist Oriana White called "Vino & Forte", with influences by Balkan, Flamenco, Classical, Indian classical, Turkish and many other forms of music. He produced electronic mixes, some of which were released on the European "Cafe del Mar" lounge compilations. In 2013, Toronto based radio station Jazz FM interviewed Ivan for a special edition documentary series called "Identities". Besides the core Tambura Rasa ensemble, Tucakov collaborates with string quartets, flamenco, belly and samba dance troupes, classical pianists and a variety of other guest artists during his live shows.



Tambura Rasa is a buoyant cultural cross-pollination that fuses contemporary grooves and traditional rhythms into one energetic musical brand of their own. The act weaves a tapestry of sound and dance from The Balkans, Spain, Turkey, Middle East and beyond.

They have become BC's favorite caravan of vivacious globalistas, filling everything from intimate soft-seat theatre shows to large dance filled festivals in attempt to bring joy, vigor and dance to the world around them. Join them as they merge the sounds of the East and the West, of the present and the past - a show of contemporary musical fusion and variety of cultural styles from all around the world.

"As the globe stresses and strains along artificially drawn borders, Ivan Tucakov and Tambura Rasa pick up the musical threads that bind us all and weave them into a tapestry of discovery and delight."

- Cal Koat - World Beats Radio Canada

Arribada (2014) - Nominated for the WCMA 2015 World Recording of the Year, "Arribada" is a remarkably diverse collection of music, which brings Tucakov's most recent compositions to an eclectic assembly of performers and cultures from all corners of the globe. The album lifts off with an outlandish and captivating cover of a classic rock & roll tune, which is followed by an upbeat dance clave taking you straight to Cuba! The journey then continues on with a luscious fusion of classical strings, traditional Balkan brass, tamburicas, Turkish darbuka, Indian tabla, bansuri, Flamenco guitar and more. Delve into this spellbound world of odd rhythms, dance grooves and sensual melodies. Experience the allure of "Arribada".



Tambura Rasa line up:

Ivan Tucakov - Guitar, Vocals

Emily Helsdon - Violin

Soroush Shahmohamad - Violin

Langston Raymond - Trumpet

Oriana White - Piano

Robin Layne - Percussion

JeanSe Le Doujet - Bass

Randall Stoll - Drums/Perc





“It is impossible to box Tambura Rasa into a genre, with them dipping into Spanish, African, Latin and Gypsy styles. Tambura Rasa have definitively built a reputation for big festival and theatre shows using flamboyant flamenco and belly dancers to transport their audiences through time and across continents.”

The Revelstoke Free Press - Steph Flemings

“Members of this Vancouver collective fuse world rhythms into one energetic musical brand all their own. Most genre-fusing artists struggle to come up with an original sound with substance, but Tambura Rasa has blended genres and diverse culture from nearly every continent.”

Nanaimo Daily News

“A Spanish guitar and contemporary tones with traditional rhythms, it’s music that inspires vigorous and joyful reactions”

The Prince George Citizen - Christine Skorepa

“With Spanish guitar, violin and an Afro Latin percussion, Tambura Rasa will provide you with a culture shock without even leaving town. Expect the unexpected with this crew, coming from very different musical backgrounds makes for a very different sound.”

Golden Star - Faith Dusevic

“More than just world music, this is positively global in its reach with flamenco and Middle-Eastern music fusing with Balkan, gypsy and Afro-Latin, all performed with great skill and verve”

The Province - J.P.M. - on Kamanala CD

“Tambura Rasa will tantalize your senses with its high energy, electrifying, relentless and passionate musical brilliance.”

The Source - by Melissa Anderson

“Ten tracks fusing rhythms and instruments from Balkan, Iberian, South American and South Asian traditions. A cut above typical flamenco jazz. This has spark, skill and great production.”

The Province Newspaper - review by: Stuart Derdeyn - on Viaje CD

Discography



CD “Sunrise on a New World” (2004)

Features West African music styles, Middle Eastern, Afro-Cuban and Indian Classical fusion. The song Cinnabar was featured on the Cafe del Mar Compilation CD Vol. 13.



CD “Viaje” (2006)

“A cut above typical flamenco jazz. This has spark, skill and great production.” - The Province Newspaper

“The skill level of the performance ensemble is quite high, so world guitar fans should almost consider this a must-have. Highly recommended.” - Guitar Nine Records

Flamenco compases Bulerias and Alegrias, Indian Ghazal, plus Balkan, Tango and Chinese blends.



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- The Province Newspaper

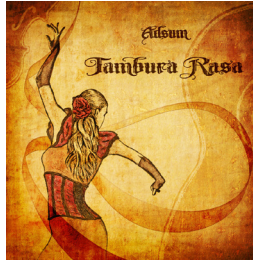
“Close your eyes and take a journey across cultures with this fusion of gentle yet intricate flamenco-jazz guitar from the Spanish Mediterranean coast, Afro- Cuban percussion, and a flute solo by Pepe Danza.” - Georgia Straight – song Gypsy Love - top 10

Flamenco Tango and Middle Eastern Fusion, Balkan Rhythms with Bulgarian musical art-forms; Afro-Latin mixed with Reggae; Indian Classical, R&B fusion.



CD “Tambura Rasa Beats” (2009)

A lounge electronica compilation of remixes of a collection of Tambura Rasa world fusion compositions from 2005-2009 (Includes Cafe del Mar’s releases: Cinnabar Mix and Gypsy Love Mix). Nominated for the WCMA 2010 World Recording of the Year.



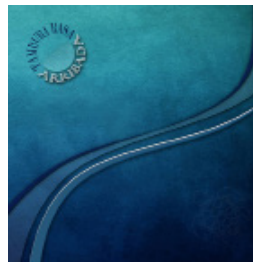
CD “Adsum” (2011)

Nominated for the Western Canadian Music Award 2011 World Recording of the Year.



CD “In Concert” (2012)

Featuring the full Tambura Rasa ensemble. Nominated for the WCMA 2013 World Recording of the Year.



CD “Arribada” (2014)

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Notable Past Tambura Rasa Performances:

July 13, 2004

"Sunrise" CD Release Concert
Vancouver, BC

Mar 3, 2006

Opening Act for Strunz and Farah
Commodore Ballroom, Vancouver, BC

June 9, 2006

"Viaje" CD Release Concert
Vancouver, BC

Jun 27, 2006

International Jazz Festival, Vancouver, BC

June 24, 2007

Mountain-Beats Fest, Revelstoke, BC

June 17, 2007

Dragon Boat Fest Vancouver, BC

July 8, 2007

Music in the Park Festival
Port Coquitlam

Aug 25, 2007

Festival at the Forks, Grand Forks, BC

Jan 17, 2008

CBC Radio 2 Recorded Concert
Vancouver BC

June 13, 2008

Artspeak Festival, Canmore, AB

Jul 18-20, 2008 FOTR Fest

Yellowknife, NWT

Aug 2, 2008

Komasket Festival - Vernon, BC

Aug 8-10, 2008

Edge of the World - Queen Charlotte Islands

Aug 30, 2008 Sunshine Fest

Powell River, BC

Nov 7, 2008

Northwest Folk Life Festival, Seattle WA

May 28, 2009

Rotary Centre For The Arts, Kelowna, BC

May 29 and 30, Dec 11 and 12, 2009

Dream Café, Penticton, BC

Feb 24, 2010

Vancouver Olympics, Livecity Vancouver, BC

July 1, 2010

Ottawa Jazz Festival, Ottawa, QC

July 2, 2010

Yonge and Dundas Square, Toronto ON

July 9, 2010

SunFest London ON

Sept 10 2010

Vancouver International Film Festival

Oct 24 2010

WCMA Gala, Kelowna BC

11 May 2011

Juan de Fuca Festival, Port Angeles, WA

July 1 2011

Canada Day Festival, Port Coquitlam, BC

July 9 2011, July 12 2013 Harrison Festival, Harrison, BC

July 16 2011

Nakusp Music Festival, Nakusp, BC

June 10 2012

Vancouver International Bangra Festival, BC

July 21 2012

South Country Fair, Fort Macleod, AB

Aug 10 2012

Harmony Arts Festival, West Vancouver, BC

Apr 19 2013

Coast Inn of the North, Prince George, BC

July 12 2013

Harrison Festival of the Arts, Harrison, BC

June 15 2013

Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival, Gibsons, BC

June 21 2014

Dragon Boat Festival - Vancouver, BC

July 1 2015

Vancouver International Jazz Festival - Vancouver, BC

July 17/18 2015

Vancouver Folk Festival - Vancouver, BC



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