



**CACAO MENTAL** is a psychedelic electro-cumbia band from Milano, Italy.

**CACAO MENTAL** live show is a tribal ceremony of technological animism, a wild and immersive party, an acoustic experience built by extensive use of improvisation and artificial sounds that rig soundscapes as rich as the jungle: **a shaman voice over the hammering of the electronic grooves, around trumpet themes and lysergic guitar twangs**: suggestions, explicit homage to mariachi, cinematic quotations, pure psychedelic rides and pop culture references that have replaced the allegories of the primitive man in the subconscious of modern man. Every CACAO MENTAL show is a unique performance, it is a CUMBIA state of mind.

## REPRODUCCIÓN

### Reproducción

(La Tempesta Dischi, 2022).

*Reproducción* talks about the most ancient and propulsive force of Mother Earth, the instinct to reproduce intrinsic in Life, which drove us to desire and Love, and that makes Life as it is. That makes Art what it is, we reproduce everything, emotions, concrete, stuff, and music. *Reproducción* talks about bonding with any living thing and all surrounding us, the Shaman sings and tell the endless marvel for Life with tales of water, stones, Jaguaras and rivers.



## BIOGRAPHY

- 2014 Kit Ramos and Stefano Iascone drink a rum bottle and start writing *cumbias*.
- 2017 Marco Pampaluna joins the band and the band starts touring. "Tingo Maria" opens the first compilation of **Istituto Italiano di Cumbia**, (*La Tempesta Dischi*), release "Mercante", with the Peruvian band **La Inédita**.
- 2018 Release of first album, "*Para Extrañas Criaturas*", the compositional recipe that from cumbia develops towards psychedelia. The Band tours all over Italy "Que el Viento Borró Tus Manos", Cacao Mental version of the classic Emilio del Guercio, opens **Istituto Italiano di Cumbia vol.2**, (*La Tempesta Dischi*).
- 2019 Cacao Mental compose and produce "Mortacci Tua" with **MYSS KETA** for her new album *Paprika*, write and record "Astrocumbia" with **The Sweet Life Society** for their album *Manifesto!*, and write the song "Fiesta" that **Jovanotti** released for the summer tour *Jova Beach Party*.
- 2020 **Bandera Blanca** is released April 2020 featuring a video of video artist Paulonia Zumo, and **Jovanotti** commit them the whole arrangement and production of his cumbia interpretation of Lucio Dalla's evergreen *Caruso*, for the radio event **I Love My Radio**. which broadcasted unreleased tracks of big italian hits covered by mainstream artists.
- 2022 The summer of Reproducción, a new record, new video and tour.

## CUMBIEROS

**Stefano Iascone:** trumpet player, producer, composer, arranger, sound engineer, and eclectic multi-instrumentalist, has chewed musical genres of all kinds: patchanka, world music and ska-core touring throughout Europe with Roy Paci & Aretuska, Figli di Madre Ignota, Shandon, Solidamor. Cacao Mental comes after an unstoppable research for different sounds developed both in studio and live.

**Kit Ramos:** native of Tingo Maria, a city on the edge of the Peruvian forest, sings from early age in mariachi, salsa, flamenco and cumbia formations. He brought his vocal style from South America to Milano in 2002, where he resides today. He has played with many groups including Tren del Sur and Mariachi La Plaza, where he met Stefano Iascone, and from this meeting began his transformation into a *shamanic cumbiero*, a synthesis of different vocal attitudes in a unique visceral and primitive style.

**Marco Pampaluna:** guitarist with a long experience with Figli di Madre Ignota, has worked with Banda Osiris and Firewater. He has brought into Cacao Mental sounds from Tex-Mex to Duane Eddy, psychedelic echoes and alien guitars sounds.

## VIDEOS

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