

THE ASTROPHONIX

PRESS RELEASE



Get some 50s and 60s Rock'n'Roll basic electricity, mix it up with some insane punk energy and some straight strong rock attitude the Astrophonix .

This band has been playing around since 2003 throughout **Italy, Europe and Asia.**

These great musicians come out from the mass for their new and fresh rock style that they perform on every stage they play.

The Astrophonix greatly surprise with unexpected interpretation of several music styles like Rockabilly, Surf, Punk, melted with **modern sounds** like never heard before.

THE BAND

The Astrophonix was born at the beginning of 2003 from an idea of the young lead guitar and vocals **Simone Di Maggio**. His style melts 50s & 60s American music with a contemporary and punchy sound inspired by **punk rock, psychobilly and straight rock**. The band collects more than **700 concerts** since 2003, playing in many countries from Europe to **Asia like Italy, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, France, China & Hong Kong**.

The debut album "**Suspended Time**" (Area Pirata Rec. 2007) leads the Astrophonix to be noticed by the critics as one of the most interesting new band of the Italian rock underground scene, and also to play in many festivals and radio broadcast all over Europe. The album is **sold out** after only six months after the launch.

During 2009 the Astrophonix tour brings the band to play in **Hong Kong** where their shows are really appreciated by the audience and the press. Their appear on the most important local magazines as **BC Magazine, Respect Magazine**, and on **RTHK** (national radio/tv station) where they are presented as one the most interesting breakthrough European band. In 2010 the band releases the second album "**Mental Interference**" (Area Pirata Rec) and confirms their live skills sharing the stage with many rock 'n' roll legends like **Matt Freeman (Rancid), Slim Jim Phantom (Stray Cats), Little Richard, the Meteors** and many more. Matt Freeman himself says: "*A spectacular band, really energetic and technically stunning*".

"**Reaction**", the third album is released in 2013 (Go Down Rec) followed by the singles "**Riot TV**" and "**Addiction**". The tour brings back the Astrophonix out of the borders and go back to play all over Europe to Germany, Austria, Netherland, Belgium and Switzerland, catching the European audience and press with the more mature sound of the new album. Back to Italy the Astrophonix has the honour to share the stage with one most important psychobilly band worldwide: the **Reverend Horton Heat**. The former and leader Jim Heat stands: "*This band writes brilliant songs*" and also "*Simone is a terrific guitar player! I wonder how can he plays so fast!*".

In March 2017 the band will release the new album "**X**" produced by **Sunny Bastards Rec.**

LINE UP:

Simone Di Maggio (guitar and lead vocals), member of the **Roackabilly Hall of Fame** since he was only 15, considered one of the most brilliant talented guitarists of the Rockabilly world scene. He records his first solo album "**Everybody's Movin'**" in 2001 and then finds is own way founding the Astrophonix in 2003.

Tommaso Faglia (doublebass/bass and back vocals), very talented player and reckoned as one of the most distinctive slap doublebass player among the Italian musicians. He joins the band in 2007 after several years of national live experience.

Marco Di Lupo (drums and back vocals) eclectic and impressive drum player, as soon as he joined the band in 2011 he brings his sound and songwriting to the band.

"X" NEW ALBUM

"X" is the fourth official album by the Italian band the Astrophonix which follows the previous "Reaction" released in 2013.

The album deals with different issues, but all concerning humankind. It is a vision of the world lived by the second millennium generation with all their fears, contradictions, don't-care attitude and fighting. A very cynical and also positive vision of planet Earth and its inhabitants who live a difficult present that leads people fighting against each other.

The sound of the new album mixes the previous distinctive style of the band in a more mature and energetic way, from Rock 'n' Roll to Punk, reaching "Space-Twang" atmosphere like a space-western theme.

The album concept is a story about a space trip to Planet Earth. The main characters are the "Astros": 3 explorers coming from a faraway planet of the Universe. Their mission is to study humankind, their society and their music and to share their knowledge with them. Unfortunately their expectations are wrong and they realize it as soon as they land. The Astros are aliens but probably very similar to humans, and their confrontation will make them asking to themselves: who is the real invader?

The album includes 10 original tracks, written and arranged by the Astrophonix. The album will be released in March 2017 and produced by Sunny Bastards Rec.

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