

# SYL and RIC

Folk Rock Country Blues Latino



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"CAUTION! Syl and Ric' songs provoke earworm!  
Once you have heard them, they will get stuck in your head!"  
Laura André

"Meaningful lyrics,  
close to Philosophical Activism!"  
Raymond Gagnon

"Their music stands out and is extremely  
likeable."  
Tina Mary Britton

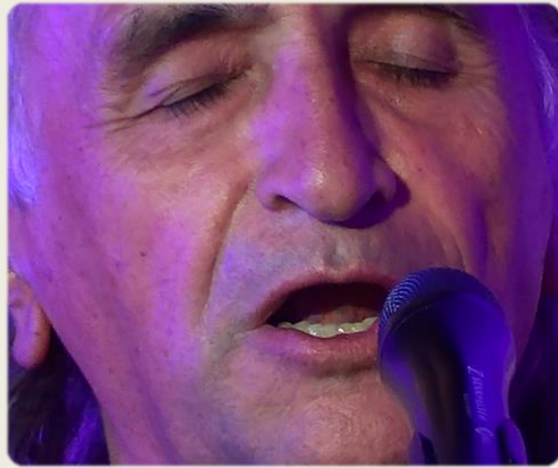
'Syl & Ric serve up a seventies-era sunflower of songs, imbued with all the  
flowery charm of that long-vanished island of unsardonic art.'  
Akademia Music Award - May 2015





#### ***Syl Chad (FR)***

plays the rhythm guitar and is the lead singer of the band. She has a colorful timbre of voice: with clear and ringing in its upper reaches, with gravelly and profound low notes. Her unique way of singing is inspired by the greatest French singers, such as Edith Piaf, Nana Mouskouri and Michel Jonasz. Among her favorite female singer, Ella Fitzgerald comes in first place.



#### ***Ric Meric (FR)***

sings and plays the lead guitar. Ric writes most of the band's songs. His refreshing guitar solos are a blend of Carlos Santana and Django Reinhardt styles, with a pinch of Indian sitar. When he was a teen, he started his musical career playing the bass in a Rock & Roll band. When Syl & Ric recorded their first albums, Ric played the bass too, for the occasion.



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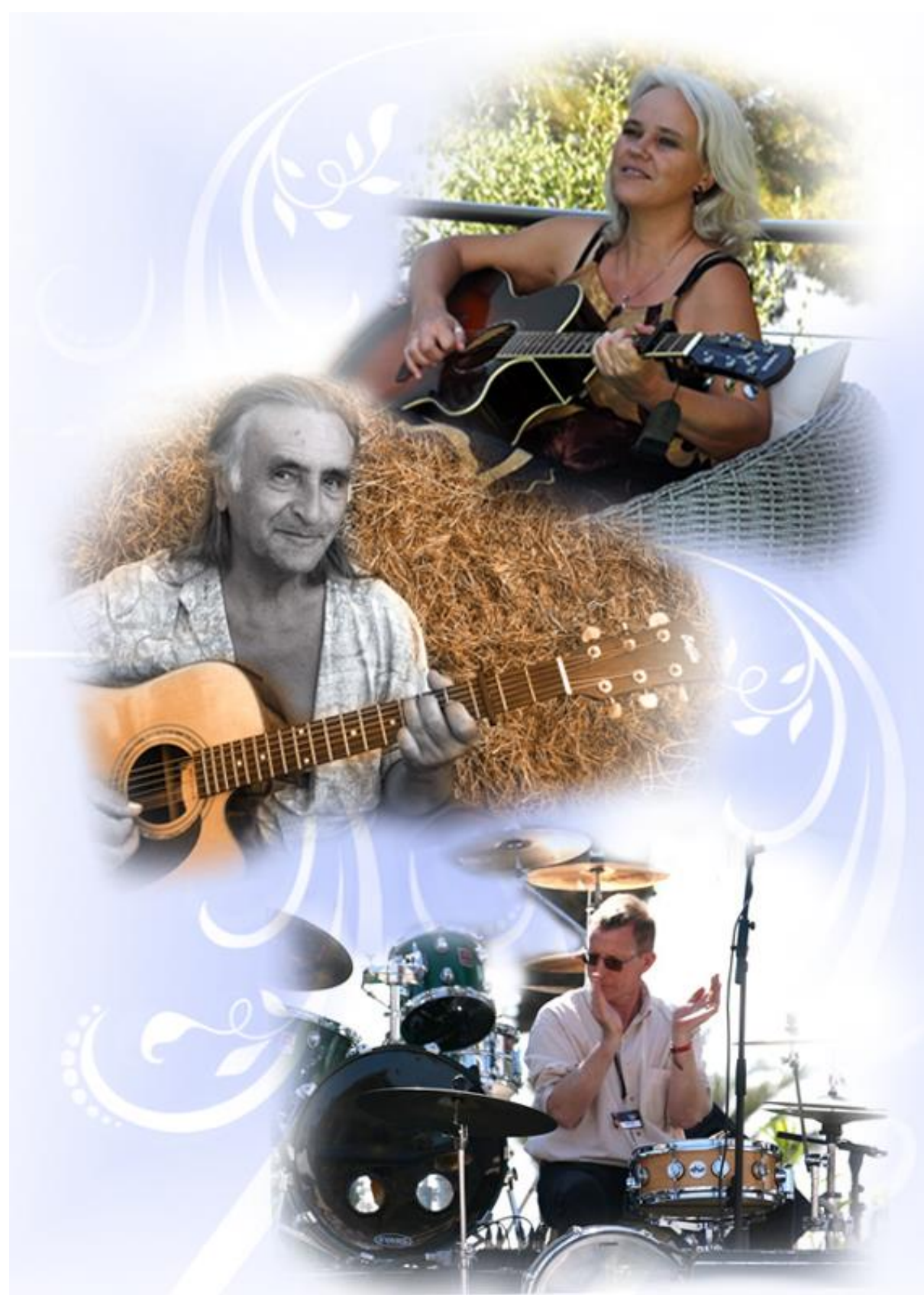
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### **:: A short introduction ::**

"Syl & Ric" is a unique musical duo and singer-songwriters, originally from France. Playing a fusion of modern & classic cover versions (English, American, French and Spanish songs), the duo mix stunning lead vocals with acoustic guitars, harmonica & recorder flutes.

In 2013, Syl & Ric have started to write their own songs (mostly in English): along with meaningful lyrics, they have catchy melodies and strong instrumental arrangements. So far, the band has produced 2 professionally mixed and mastered albums, using only real instruments (acoustic guitars, bass guitar, drums and percussions). All together, Syl & Ric have written close to 50 songs. Their genre is **Folk Rock Latin fusion with a French touch of romance, with a mix of styles and dynamics... from ballads, to up-tempo songs in their own unique 'acoustic' style!**





## **:: About Syl & Ric, and the band ::**

Syl & Ric is a couple of French singer-songwriters and visual artists, based in the south of Spain. Their music genre is Folk Jazz Latin fusion with a French romance touch, and a mix of styles and dynamics from ballads to up-tempo songs! Playing a fusion of modern & classic music, they mix unconventional lead vocals with acoustic guitars, harmonica & recorder flutes. They have been together for 26 years as a couple, and 4 years as a band!

Syl has been raised hearing Opera (her father was an Opera singer) and Rock & Roll (her brother was a Rolling Stone's fan). As far as she can remember, she always wanted to be a singer. Although, she waited many years to make her dream come true. Meanwhile she did not waste her time: she has been a painter, an art photographer, a digital artist, and a creative web-designer.

Ric is a music lover too. He had played guitar and bass since he was a kid, performing in bands and solo acts across Europe. He had stopped playing music for many years, while he dedicated himself to painting and writing.

In 2011, Syl decided to learn how to play guitar and sing. Ric immediately supported her initiative and helped her with her first steps into music.

In 2012, "Syl & Ric's Folk Rock band" was formed. Andy Mackechnie, a very gifted drummer, joined the band which started to perform an appealing repertoire covering popular international famous songs across the 60's to the 80's including Pop, Folk, Rock n' Roll, Blues, Soul, and traditional Jazz standards.

In 2013, Syl and Ric started to write our own songs (mostly in English), working together on the themes, lyrics and the musical arrangements. Along with meaningful lyrics, our songs have catchy melodies and strong instrumental arrangements in our own unique 'acoustic' style. They give the feeling of confidence, freshness, romance, and the upbeat spirit to enjoy the moment.

In June 2014, the band finalized the recording of two original albums called "The Morning Light" and "Smoke and Mirrors", using only real instruments (acoustic guitars, bass guitar, drums and percussions). "The Morning Light" was published on Internet at the time.

The second album "Smoke and Mirrors" is to be released in Fall 2015.

In 2014-15, an unexpected new wave of creativity brought their third album "Fire and Water", with 18 original lyric-driven songs. It is currently being mastered.

In May 2015, Syl & Ric won the Akademia Music Award for [Best Song in the Folk/Rock](#) category with DON'T FORGET TO SMILE (cd "Smoke and Mirrors").

Syl & Ric have been performing on the Costa del Sol in Spain, and have received a great feedback from the international audience. As international European artists, they sing in English, Spanish & French. The band is currently trying to place their radio friendly songs to music publishers, and also (why not?) seeking a recording deal.







THE RESIDENT, ESTEPONA - SPAIN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

## Arts & Entertainment

# DOWN BEAT

"First up by personal request were Syl and Ric's Folk Rock band. A band I had got to know about way before they entered. Starting off with their two solid original tracks (Shout it Loud and Brand New Day), powered by Syl Chad's dominant stage presence. This band who have been looking for a replacement drummer and bass player (when their regular members said they would be unavailable), up to just a week before the event did not show any signs of the fledgling barely rehearsed band that they were providing a great set which set the standard for the night. But for me it was their version of "Unchain My Heart" which really got me going, partly I think because they had warmed up sufficiently for the full band to trust their Folk Rock vibe to the forefront with this Ray Charles classic, the bar had now well and truly been set."

GGP El Intercambio - Event organizer and DJ -







Let's sing about life!