Crimson House

A multi genre gypsy cabaret group that combine a number of styles including ska,  Afro blues, hip hop and rock. Cape town, South Africa’s Crimson House has become a festival & club favorite with their high energy interactive live performances becoming that of legends. They formed in 2010 and have since released 3 albums, with a collection of chart hitting tracks including their latest hit singles “take a chance”, “Don’t forget to take your medicine”, “Joes Bounce” & “Pot of Gold” of their upcoming 4th Album.

Early career

Crimson House initially begun as a bluegrass duo and by 2012 as a high octane blues quartet .The  group toured as "Crimson House Blues" and had released two albums under the name, "Smoke Dust & Whisky" (2012) featuring the cult hit “Breaking down low”, and “Red Shack Rock” (2013) featuring “Aphrodite” & “Pindrop Circle”. They dropped the “blues” in their name and released “Come Alive” (2015) which featured 16 songs with the addition of Nick Becker & Gareth Harvey as the newly added horn section that would change their sound forever.

After 2015 The group then featured as the backing band in a cabaret circus in which they adopted a new found love for gypsy music to the likes of Gorgol Bordello and Balkan Beat Box. This new found love lead the group to establish a new direction in their music and thus has begun the new journey of which they are creating for their 4th  Studio album  in which they are delving into their South African/ Namibian roots.

Current members

Riaan Smit- Vocal/Guitar/ Harmonica

Nick Becker –Alto Sax

Gareth Harvey- Baritone Sax

Arno Van Zyl- Banjo

Christoph De Chanvonnes Vrugt - Drums

Jacques Jansen Van Rensburg - Bass

Frequent Collaborators

Luca Hart- Violin

Nhoza- back up Vocals

Andre Van de merwe – Bass

Antonio Cencherli – Keys

Tim Welsch- Sax