



ARISTOCRATS

CULTURE CLASH LIVE

- Live CD: 8 tracks from 4 shows on 3 continents
- Live DVD: 100 mins of live music, 5 more exclusive tracks, plus bonus features

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GUITAR: GUTHRIE GOVAN * BASS: BRYAN BELLER * **DRUMS: MARCO MINNEMANN**

The rock/fusion power trio **The Aristocrats** – featuring **Guthrie Govan** on guitar, **Bryan Beller** on bass, and **Marco Minnemann** on drums – will release the live CD/DVD ***Culture Clash Live***, on January 20, 2015. Captured in six different locations in five countries on three different continents during the band's 100+ show Culture Clash World Tour, it showcases The Aristocrats in full flight: Virtuoso, melodic, spontaneous, outrageous, and still having more fun than any group of world touring muzos has any right to have.

"Every time we play a song live, it seems to evolve slightly," says Govan. "However hard we might try to capture *definitive* versions in the studio, the true nature of any given composition inevitably reveals itself during the subsequent touring process, mutating incrementally from one night to the next as we do our best to maintain the element of spontaneity and encourage the occurrence of little musical 'accidents.'"

While the music evolved and the audiences made each show unforgettable, the live recording process was anything but smooth. "The panoply of technical pitfalls that ensued reached a certain comic level of absurdity," Beller remembers. "The crowds were unremittingly awesome, only to be rivaled in ferocity by the gremlins in each location." So the project became a Frank Zappa-style live compilation by necessity, which gave it a rollicking international flavor – a culture clash after all.

Drummer Marco Minnemann put it all in perspective. "I remembered sitting in a van on our ride to one of our shows, listening to one of the songs – which I usually avoid, because it's sort of like looking in the mirror trying to fix your hair or something – saying out loud, 'Hey, we're actually not that bad!' You sometimes just gotta let go and enjoy the real-time moments without questioning them."

CD Features

- Five tracks from Whittier, CA (CalProg)
- One track from Manchester, UK
- One track from Bangkok, THAILAND
- One track from Zoetermeer, HOLLAND

DVD Features (main movie runtime 1hr 40mins)

- Additional unique tracks from Tokyo, JAPAN; Bangkok, THAILAND; Mexico City, MEXICO
- Bonus features: *Culture Clash* CD demos, additional 20-cam Marco Minnemann drum solo, behind the scenes video

The album's various packages will be released on BOING Music, LLC, the band's label. More general information can be found on the band's website: <http://the-aristocrats-band.com>.

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