

# OCTOPUS

## BIOGRAPHY

**OCTOPUS** is a power trio of mind blowing impact and is considered one of the best live bands around. Within each tune, the energetic verb of funk is assimilated and revisited, becoming a fascinating hybrid which blends the rage of cross-over with the melodic intuitions of 70's rock. An injection of volume and groove hits the listener in a unique and precise way.

The classic guitar-bass-drums set up traces a style that sets halfway between **Primus** and **The Jimi Hendrix Experience**, carrying on the same balance of sonic voids and rhythm explosions. The powerful guitar riffs overlap brilliant vocal lines, while the use of distortion bestows on the songs an interesting glaze of lo-fi.

The frontman **Reepo** embodies the boldness and the energy of the band, well articulated in his chord techniques and supported by the blues and r'n'b influenced voicing.

The drummer **Mr.Zed** dominates the crushing rhythmic section, never giving a break to cymbals and bass drum, in the wake of his colleagues such as Chad Smith from Red Hot Chili Peppers or Brad Wilk from Rage Against The Machine.

To complete the formation is the highly remarkable bassist **Garrincha**, former member of Le Vibrazioni (one of Italy's most famous bands, with 3 records and more than 500.000 copies sold). He expresses his estrus and virtuous talent in every show, adding a unique touch to the sound of Octopus with his overpowering energy.

The band - born in 2005 -is characterized by a blasting and steamy hot performance on stage: a result of the emphasis of the songs added to the energetic determination of the musicians, who are punctually and warmly rewarded by the audience at every gig.

Before having even produced a record, or signed a contract, **OCTOPUS** has performed at countless gigs among venues and festivals all around Italy. They have also been within the **REZOPHONIC** charity collective where Garrincha is also personally involved.

And so after a tour in the U.S. and one in U.K. and a very good feedback in each of their gigs, the Octopus began to understand to stay on track...

In January 2008 Garrincha left Le Vibrazioni and devoted himself full time to the Octopus project.

Furthermore, after having won the Italian edition for the **Jack Daniel's Challenge**, which brought the band straight to the Global Music Event at Lynchburg, Tennessee, on October 2009, Octopus spent the spring of 2009 touring the United States, playing 11 gigs across California, including world famous "**The Viper Room**" in Hollywood, with excellent feedback in every gig.

In the early summer of 2009 the **first self-titled EP** has hit the Italian stores, including three studio tracks, two live songs and three videos, and also the videoclip of the first single "**DESIRE**", directed and shot by Luca Esposito and Mauro Chiarello, in rotation on the main national music networks (**MTV, ALL MUSIC, ROCK TV**). Under the same direction, Octopus also shot and entirely self-produced a live-DVD, "**Octopus live 2008**" for sale at their concerts. Both the Ep and the Live dvd were mixed by Marco Trentacoste, who recently mixed, among the others, Lacuna Coil's latest Live dvd.

Octopus has lately gained a respectful media coverage from Italian specialised media.

During the summer of 2009, Octopus was busy in a series of gigs all around Italy, increasing popular appeal and being a success with critics.

At the beginning of 2010 Octopus moved to **Los Angeles** to start the recording sessions of a new amazing album, and they took place at the request of the owner in the famous **SHANGRI-LA Studio** in Malibu, with legendary producer **Gary Miller** (David Bowie, ecc...)

Returned in Italy and changed the line-up of the band (drums Rolando Cappanera, Strana Officina, The Sweat, ecc..) the Octopus were on tour again during the summer, autumn and winter of 2010; among the other gigs, the fantastic performance in the opening concert of **DEEP PURPLE**, which took place on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the **Stadium Mirabello in Reggio Emilia**.

Octopus is seeking a record deal to promote their music worldwide.

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