**B2KDA (Batucada Sound Machine)**

When musicians are curious about the sonic vocabularies of other cultures, yet have enough trust in their own instincts, then you will get the kind of ecstatic explosion of styles found in Batucada Sound Machine.

Formed in the South Pacific, with a line-up that has included Maori, Brazilian, Zimbabwean and New Zealand Pakeha players, this band brings together traditions from different parts of the planet to create something unselfconscious and new; something that defies you to stay still or silent.

And it doesn’t matter whether or not you speak any of the three or four different languages you are likely to hear during one of their performances; the joy and energy this group generates simply through sound and rhythm communicates something more forceful than words.

*Batucada* is an Afro-Latin word that loosely means ‘percussion jam’, which is what this band started out as: five drummers meeting monthly in an Auckland backstreet bar for a freestyling polyrhythmic workout, taking Brazilian beats as their starting point. Over time, other musicians began to join in the sessions, bringing with them guitars, horns, voices. With new instruments came new influences and Batucada Sound Machine – B2KDA for short - began to take on the shape it has today: an eclectic, irrepressible party band that plays with rare precision in spite of the good time that is audibly being had by all.

It’s a brew of Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban and African beats, fused with funk, reggae, hip-hop, Polynesian soul and who-knows-what-else; as kinetic and unconfined as any dance music you’ll find anywhere in the world.

**Major Appearances:**  
  
Europe/UK:  
  
Festival Nuits du Sud (France) Montreux Jazz Festival (Switzerland), EXIT Festival (Serbia), Sziget Festival (Hungary), Horizonte Festival (Germany), Kulturarena (Germany), Bezau Beats (Austria), Zomer Van Antwerpen (Belgium), Larmer Tree Festival (UK), City of London Festival (UK) Ollin Kan Festival (Portugal) Afro Latino Festival (Belgium) Wereldfeest (Holland) Mouth of The Tyne Festival (UK) WOMAD (UK) Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Scotland) Belladrum Festival (Scotland), Sfinks Festival, PolePole.

Asia/Pacific:  
  
Mosaic Festival (Singapore), Gwangju World Music Festival (Korea), Jarasum International Jazz Festival and Ulsan World Music Festival (Korea) Byron Bay Blues and Roots Festival (Australia) Australian World Music Expo (Australia) Sydney Festival (Australia) Moomba Waterfest (Australia) Woodford Festival (Australia) Adelaide Arts Festival Perth Arts Festival (Australia) Brisbane Arts Festival (Australia) Canberra Festival (Australia) Bellingen Global Carnival (Australia) Queenstown Winter Festival (NZ) Splore (NZ) Rhythm & Vines (NZ) Parihaka Peace Festival (NZ) Auckland Festival (NZ) Jambalaya Festival (NZ) Big Day Out (NZ) WOMAD (NZ)

**Quotes**  
  
“THEIR HIGH-ENERGY GIGS TAKE IN A BREATHTAKING VARIETY OF TEMPOS, TIMINGS, BEATS, STYLES AND RHYMES. THEY SING IN PORTUGUESE, SPANISH AND ENGLISH AND HAVE DRAWN FAVOURABLE COMPARISONS WITH OZOMATLI, MANU CHAO AND CHICO SCIENCE.” *Claire Prentice, Scotland On Sunday*  
  
“When a band causes the audience to stamp their feet for an encore... after they just played the encore, it’s pretty obvious their performance was shit-hot...” *Raciroo, Perth Festival review, Faster Louder*   
  
**Video Links**  
  
Europe 2012 Tour Highlights  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a554j69PMxQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a554j69PMxQ" \t "_blank)  
  
B2KDA Live at Festival Nuits du Sud 2013  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJESWyZAaDw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJESWyZAaDw" \t "_blank)  
  
B2KDA Live at Treibsand in Lübeck/Germany  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nb2Gl8Wj6Sc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nb2Gl8Wj6Sc" \t "_blank)  
  
He Said She Said  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6rbzhQIjLQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6rbzhQIjLQ" \t "_blank)  
  
Tremblin  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j0smjQIXYk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j0smjQIXYk" \t "_blank)

**Web Links**

<http://www.b2kda.com>

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[http://b2kda.bandcamp.com/](http://b2kda.bandcamp.com/" \t "_blank)