

MARAQUITA

The Hungarian latin experience



Latin-American grooves, crunchy, but not too heavy guitars, complex, but not too jazzy harmonies, all topped by a powerful and energetic voice. This is **Maraquita**, a Hungarian music project founded by singer/vocal coach Maria Szilágyi and pianist/songwriter/producer Adrian Fülöp.

They currently have nine released songs, with several of them reaching #1 in the Latin-American Top40 of the world music platform EthnoCloud.

All songs feature Spanish lyrics and are written and produced by Transylvanian-born Adrian, a polyglot, fluent in Hungarian, Romanian, English, German, Spanish and Italian. Maria, who learned from award-winning singers like Eszter Horváth (opera) and Attila Garay (jazz), and who has developed a unique vocal coaching methodology, is the voice and muse of the project.

The music video of their song “Me haces llorar”, a duet with Dominican singer Ruben La Voz was released in 2020.



The founding members, Maria and Adrian have been living and making music together for over two decades. The couple lived for one and a half years on the Canary islands and they fell in love with the mood of latin music. Having experienced the happy, high-spirited life there, which is reflected in latin music, they decided to bring this mood back to Hungary.

Around 2013, during a session work, Adrian got to know Miklós Jancsó (bass) and felt they were „twanging the same string”. In 2014, during another session work, Adrian met Zoltán Varga (percussions) and Balázs Árva (drums). Guitarist Gábor Mikó was introduced to him by Miklós.

In summer 2014 the band started to rehearse and it quickly became clear that everyone had found their place, both in a musical and personal way. They held their first concert in Hungary in April 2016 and have played several concerts that year around their home-town, Sopron, with the highlight being as a headliner in front of about 600 people.

During 2017 and 2018, the main focus was the production and release of their own songs and 2020 would have been the year to present these songs live, but the global “forced rest” had different plans. In 2022 they started concerting again with a new and smaller line-up, occasionally featuring their friend Ruben La Voz as a star guest.

The current sound is more traditional due to the lack of drums, but still has modern elements thanks to the guitarist Gábor Mikó, who remains part of the lineup.



Discography:

17.08.2018 - Me haces llorar
05.05.2019 - Samba mariquita
06.06.2019 - Mambando
07.07.2019 - Chili salsa
08.08.2019 - Mayonesa y batatas
09.09.2019 - Mirame
10.10.2019 - Tú y yo
11.11.2019 - Ya te fuiste
12.12.2019 - Fuerza

Past concerts:

18.08.2022 – 41. International Folklore Days, Sárvár, Hungary
15.07.2022 – Ócsa, Hungary
05.06.2022 – Harka, Hungary
31.12.2018 – Szidónia Castle Hotel, Röjtökmuzsaj, Hungary
23.06.2018 – Vienna, Austria
17.03.2018 – Oberwart, Austria
31.12.2017 – Szidónia Castle Hotel, Röjtökmuzsaj, Hungary
17.06.2017 – Sopron Folkfest, Sopron, Hungary
30.12.2016 – Szidónia Castle Hotel, Röjtökmuzsaj, Hungary
09.11.2016 – Búgócsiga Akusztik Garden, Sopron, Hungary
01.10.2016 – private event, Sopron, Hungary
11.09.2016 – Food & Wine Festival, Sopron, Hungary
02.06.2016 – Búgócsiga Akusztik Garden, Sopron, Hungary
03.04.2016 – Nagycenk, Hungary

<u>Lineup</u>	<u>Contact/Booking:</u>
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