

groovin' up!  
HITS: 1997-2011

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# “ADIKA PONGO”

ADIKA PONGO, one of the leading bands on the European and Italian Soul scene, have been grooving audiences since 1993, combining original songs with enticing cover versions of major funk/soul/disco hits. The band performs in Italy's most important clubs.

Careful listeners can trace elements in the ADIKA PONGO sound to fundamental music roots from the 70s, but the band really has a style of its own that is guaranteed to get feet moving. “This band is absolutely amazing!” said Lionel Richie, after having performed with them in 2004.

Riding the wave of their "live" success, Adika Pongo's first CD comes out in June 2011: *Groovin' Up! – Hits 1997-2011* with the renowned British label Expansion Records.

The CD will feature songs from their 1997 recordings, as well as new tracks recorded with their current lead vocalist Francy. Among the guest artists, a special mention goes to Norma Jean Wright and Luci Martin (ex vocalists of the remarkable band Chic), Robbie Dupree (nominated for Grammys and twice in the Top Ten on Billboard) and Steve Khan (known for his numerous solo projects and his work with Steely Dan, Weather Report, Brecker Brothers, Dianne Schuur, Donald Fagen et al).

Some songs are sung by Baruch "Darling" Chadwick, one of the first solo vocalists to perform with Adika Pongo, who unfortunately died prematurely in 2004. Two songs on the new CD feature a duet with Francy and are a tribute to him.

Two songs from this album, “Chill Out” and “The Look In You Eye” , have been released on the soul compilation "Luxury Soul 2011" by the Expansion Records. “Make the move” is on another compilation “Soul Togetherness 2011 – De Luxe Ed.”

This album was recorded between Rome and New York City. The 1997's songs were mixed by Michael Landy at the Review Room at GRP in New York.

They have been from September to November 2011 in the UK SOUL CHART (first Italian band ever) climbing to the 5<sup>th</sup> place. Now their music is played by many radios all over the world (Italy, Brazil, USA, Japan, Germany, France, Netherlands and England as well). Now they are working on their new album.





In 2006 ADIKA PONGO performed at the “Disco Fever 2006” at the Pavilhao Atlantico in Lisbon, Portugal, an annual event dedicated to disco music, which featured also Kool & Gang.

In 2004-2005, ADIKA PONGO have created and performed in the “Big Party Live Show”, a show which featured also dancers and a sensational string section.

In 2000, the band also released a new version of the Tom Tom Club hit “Wordy Rappinghood” for the label New Music International.



ADIKA PONGO have started a successful collaboration with Norma Jean Wright & Luci Martin (the former lead vocalists of the original CHIC) with whom they have played in Italy.

ADIKA PONGO have played for many conventions and meetings for Nokia, Sony-Eriksson, Fendi, Toyota, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Telecom, Alleanza Assicurazioni, SKY, Coca-Cola Italia, Casinò di Venezia, Toyota and many others. They were chosen to perform at the wedding party of Princess Caterina of Holland and Albert Brenninkmeijer. They have recently composed music for a commercial, for a prize-winning documentary and for a well-known Italian movie. They are working on the new album coming out this year.

ADIKA PONGO's live show is a guaranteed crowd puller, succeeding in combining slick musicianship, killer grooves and downright unashamed total audience participation. Pure fun. This is a real band!

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