

NEIL RAMBALDI: *A CALL TO THE WILD* 2017 ARTIST BIO

Heavily inspired by the epic landscapes and wide-open spirit of the southwest, rock fusion guitarist/multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and vocalist Neil Rambaldi's highly-anticipated sophomore release *A Call To The Wild* conjures up the spirit of the wild with its fire-red, blues-laden guitar lines and epic multi-instrumental soundscapes, carrying listeners to a place where a guitar has never taken them before. Neil's guitar sound and compositions, time and time again, have been described as powerful and earthy, with one critic calling them "...a stunning barrage of sound" (20th Century Guitar Magazine). He paints a scenery with "the brush that is the virtuoso guitar of Rambaldi" (Patricios 95.5 FM, Buenos Aires, AR).

Entirely producing, writing, and performing all of the instruments and the occasional vocals on the album (including guitars, bass, keyboards, and various percussion with the exception of some drum programming), this monumental 67-minute work is Neil's second solo release on his own label Prismism Music, with worldwide distribution on CD and digital download through CD Baby, Amazon, iTunes, Google Play, and many more online music retailers and services, as well as Alliance Entertainment – which distributes to thousands of record stores worldwide, ranging from small local shops to big retailers like Best Buy, Target, and Barnes & Noble, among others. Influenced by a wide spectrum of early rock, progressive rock, blues, and even classical, funk, soul, jazz, Latin jazz, and flamenco (including anywhere from Led Zeppelin and Stevie Ray Vaughan, to Beethoven and Paganini, to Eric Johnson and Joe Satriani, to Jimi Hendrix, Eddie Palmieri, Greg Howe, Al Di Meola, Jeff Beck, Santo & Johnny, Freddie King, Stevie Wonder, and Steve Vai), Neil's sound is eclectic, yet with a distinctive thread throughout that is all his own.

Neil has performed on stages in many parts of the U.S. as both a solo artist with his incredible live band, and as a sideman on guitar, vocals, and music direction for tour dates with numerous other artists. He has appeared performing on national and regional television including Spike TV, Univision, and WWOR. His music has also been licensed for a large number of TV programs, films, video games, commercials, and other media, having been featured on TV in over 35 countries on networks such as MTV, AMC TV, National Geographic, Fuel TV, radX, and Rush HD, among others. These licenses include the Wii video game "Dancing With The Stars: We Dance," AMC TV's "Hollywood Icon," Rush HD & National Geographic's action sport T.V. series "Nomads," the feature film "199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story," and many others. Furthermore, Neil has appeared on countless album releases as a guitarist, backing vocalist, writer, arranger, and producer. His collaborations have included projects with former member of the Grammy-winning group The Commodores – Kenny Simmons, Universal Records recording artist Lilian Garcia, Mausoleum Records recording artist Rivera/Bomma, drummer/percussionist Demian Arriaga (Richie Kotzen, Iggy Azalea, Jonas Brothers), guitarist/vocalist Carl Restivo (Perry Farrell, Tom Morello, Rihanna), and many others. Currently, Neil is performing L.A. and New York live dates with singer/songwriter Michelle Nakash in between preparing for his upcoming solo band live dates.

Early in his career, Neil was voted as a top-10 international finalist by guitar legend Steve Vai in the 2001 *Tonos & Ibanez Guitar Challenge*. A short time later, Neil released his first solo album *Perpetual Horizon*, which was received with critical acclaim amassing him countless rave reviews in the U.S. and abroad, and terrestrial radio airplay in at least 15 countries. He has

been featured in 20th Century Guitar Magazine (USA/Canada), Guitar Chef (Italy), on CNET (USA) as an "Editor's Pick," and many others. Radio features of Neil include countries such as the U.S., Canada, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, France, Belgium, Austria, Poland, Australia, and others.

Residing in Los Angeles (although originally hailing from New Jersey), Neil is ramping up for solo tour dates in L.A. and the southwest region, and will be booking cities all over. (Keep an eye out for upcoming tour dates!) All updates can be found at www.NeilRambaldi.com, with additional information being posted on Facebook (@neilrambaldi), Twitter (@neilrambaldi), and Instagram (@neilrambaldi).

With his revered talent as a guitarist and songwriter, and his accolades garnered thus far, there is much more to come from Neil Rambaldi. He speaks a universal language through the voice of his guitar that connects with such a wide audience, because he plays from deep within – truly from the heart, with no need to concern himself with current trends in order to make great music. This brings a mark of timelessness to his work, and also a mark of creative truth and transparency. *A Call To The Wild* is simply the raw and wild truth of one musician, artist, and human, painting a picture of inner fire and beauty that every living and breathing person can relate to... When you simply hear Neil's music, you already know him. So take a journey down this desert highway, and discover "what is" Neil Rambaldi.

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