



BIOGRAPHY

TANTRIC IS :



Hugo Ferriera - Vocals



Derek Isaacs - Guitar / Vocals



Scott Wilson - Bass / Vocals



TJ Taylor - Drums

Louisville-based post grunge rock group Tantric have defined themselves through 6 studio albums as a groove laden, guitar rich rock band with dense vocal harmonies and infectious vocal melodies. Frontman Hugo Ferreira's unique soulful baritone vocals, ranging from angsty rasps to melodious melancholy are a testament for the signature Tantric sound. Along with the usual intricate guitar work and infectious riffs layered over complex textures has become the hallmark of the Tantric sound. Tantric has endured for a career of 15 years, and although band has gone through many label and lineup changes over the years, Ferreira has managed to keep the entity that is Tantric alive and well. "I consider Tantric a boat that I float in—it's a vessel that carries the music. So I never feel restrictions. It doesn't have any rules. Tantric music can be super-heavy, light—or both It's really an open book with no ending in sight", says Ferreira.

Backstory

The post-grunge outfit Days of the New rocked heavy in 1998 with their major-label eponymous debut and the singles "Solitude" and "Touch, Peel and Stand," and the boys from Louisville, KY, quickly absorbed the fast success and critical praise. But as soon as they enjoyed the rock & roll fast life, original band members Todd Whitener (guitar), Jesse Vest (bass), and Matt Taul (drums) left the band after creative differences and whirlwind hype. Two years later, the three were still making music, but under the moniker Tantric. Signed to Madonna's Maverick label, the band welcomed new vocalist Hugo Ferreira and issued a brand-new self-titled album, more rollicking and bold than their previous output. That album became a platinum-selling hit, with "Breakdown" topping Billboard magazine's Mainstream Rock chart and reaching the Top Five of its Modern Rock chart; "Astounded" going Top Ten on the Mainstream Rock chart and reaching the Modern Rock chart; and "Mourning" reaching both charts. Tantric followed three years later with *After We Go*, which reached the Top 100 of the album chart and produced the Top Ten Mainstream Rock hit "Hey Now" and two other tracks that reached the chart, a cover of Fleetwood Mac's "The Chain" and

the album's title song. In late 2007, upon the dissolve of their label Maverick Records, Whitener, Vest, and Taul exited Tantric, just as they had Days of the New.

Ferreira retained rights to the name, however, and he organized a new edition of Tantric with Joe Pessia (guitar), Erik Leonhardt (bass), and former Fuel member Kevin Miller (drums). With this lineup, Tantric recorded their third album, *The End Begins*, released by the Silent Majority Group label on April 22, 2008, prefaced by the single "Down and Out," which reached the Top Five of the Mainstream Rock chart. By the time of the band's fourth album, *Mind Control*, released August 4, 2009, Miller had been replaced by Richie Monica, and the group had expanded to a quintet with the addition of electric violinist Marcus Ratzenboeck.

Reincarnation of Tantric

In summer of 2013 Tantric released the album *'37 Channels'* maintains Tantric's tradition of exploring new directions by integrating diverse influences such as old school country, southern and classic rock and Motown with the trademark Tantric

sound. Featured guests on the album include Shooter Jennings, Leif Garrett, Austin Winkler of Hinder, members of 3 Doors Down, Saving Abel and Uncle Kracker. The album title comes from what Ferreira describes as "What goes on in my brain constantly; 37 things or channels if you will, all at once vying for my attention". Typically diverse, the track selection offers unexpected content that will surely impress, as well as something for loyal fans. This album also marks a change in Tantric's structure, welcoming new members of the band Guitarist Derek Isaacs, Drummer TJ Taylor, and Bassist Scott Wilson. The band recently released a compilation album titled "Blueroom Archives" on Pavement Records. The album features newer renditions of some older songs including acoustic versions of "Breakdown, and Mourning", along with remixes of "Mind Control, and Fall To The Ground", and 7 unreleased tracks including the single "Cynical" featuring Brett Hestla (Creed, Dark New Day, Virgos) on guest vocals.

2015

The band is currently busy touring and working on the 7th studio record for Tantric. "2015 is going to be a busy year for the band, says Ferreira, we don't stop, we just keep going". Tantric announced that they are going simultaneously tour and record our next record, booking at studios across the country". When you tour there are so many experiences that you can pull inspiration from, we want to take that energy into to the studio with us and put it on a record, says Ferreira.

Altogether Tantric has released five studio albums Tantric (2001), After We Go (2004), The End Begins (2008), Mind Control (2009) and 37 Channels (2013). Tantric released the compilation album Blue Room Archives, on September 30, 2014, making it their most recent release.



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