

Andino Suns

Modern Andean Party Music

“A wild and wooly melding of Ennio Morricone and Manu Chao.”

Roddy Campbell
Editor, Penguin Eggs Magazine

“Canada-based band Andino Suns are starting to make a name for themselves but their ultimate goal is making it big in Chile — the land of their forefathers.”

George Nelson, The Santiago Times

“Chilean roots are the crux of the band’s sound...True to the sound of the Andes Mountains, Andino Suns incorporates regional instruments... Then there are the vocals — five-part harmonies, all in Spanish.”

Ashley Martin
Regina Leader Post and
Saskatoon Star Pheonix

“The musicians who make up the band are getting better and better at melding their favourite sounds into something distinctive and compelling.”

Alex J Macpherson, Verb Magazine



“Modern Andean party music” is how Regina’s multi-instrumental world music group, Andino Suns, describes the sound that they’ve launched from stages since 2009. With fiery instrumentation, energetic performances, and a resounding message of freedom, hope, and love, the band perfectly fuses the vibrant traditional sounds of the Andes Mountains with modern Latin grooves and rhythms.

Andino Suns is mainly comprised of second-generation Canadians with strong Chilean roots. Lead vocals are ably handled by the group’s co-leader, Andrés (Andy) Dávalos. All of the members vocally contribute to the songs, most of which are sung in Spanish. All between-song banter and audience communication is in comprehensible Prairie Canadian English!

Instruments played by the band range from the exotic charango (Andean mandolin) to the familiar nylon-stringed guitar. If nothing else, the mélange of sounds emanating from Andino Suns is truly exotic and so rhythmic that it’s hard to resist dancing – let alone move at least three body parts!

Other members of the band include co-leader Andrés Palma and Cristian Moya. Erik Mehlsen and Brian Warren join when Andino Suns performs as a five-piece unit, giving the band significantly more presence in a festival or dance performance. Speaking of festivals, the band has performed at JUNOfest, the Regina Folk Festival, and Mundial Montreal, among others and dreams of one day looking back at playing every major summer music festival in Canada!

In 2015, Andino Suns was nominated for World Recording of the Year by the Western Canada Music Awards for its album, It’s Time to Rise.



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