



# THE GANJAS

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**ARTIST:**

THE GANJAS

**BAND MEMBERS:**

SAM MAQUIERA-GUITAR/VOICE

RAFAEL ASTABURUAGA-BASS/VOICE

PABLO GIADACH-GUITAR

ALDO BENINCASA-DRUMS

**LOCATION:**

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**GENRE:**

ROCK/SHOEGAZE/DUB

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**BIOGRAPHY:**

The Ganjas is a rock band from Santiago, Chile. Their sound combines elements of psychadellic rock, shoegaze, stoner rock, dub, reggae, space rock and Latin American rock.

The band was formed in 2000 by Samuel Maquieira (Sam) (vocals and guitar), Rafael Astaburuaga (bass guitar and vocals) and Aldo Benincasa (drums).

After a year in the rehearsal room, The Ganjas begin gigging in 2001 and after a short time made a huge impact on the live music scene. They quickly developed a massive fan base and went on to play a steady stream of gigs throughout 2002.

Their initial success lead them to the studio, where they recorded their debut album, "**The Ganjas**" with Algo Records in 2003. The album received great reviews and the press increasingly followed thier live shows. The album release was followed by two hit singles and their respective videos, "Let's go to the beach" and "Dark Side", which gained extensive air time on all major music television channels.

Mid-2004 the band released "FUMA & MIRA" a recording of their live show at "Chile Musica en Vivo", Universidad de Chile's popular radio program. The album was released independently by The Ganjas.

The band was invited to play at Chile's major music festivals and developed ties with key players in the music industry and press, both at home and abroad in Argentina, Colombia, Australia, Brasil, Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador and the States for interviews and coverage.

This wide-spread coverage was followed by the recording of "Laydown" in 2004 with Algo Records. Record sales and live show attendance confirmed the album's great reception by press and fans. They launched the album around the country and were invited to headline Rock al Parque festival in Colombia.

In 2006 the band was nominated at APES (Asociación de Periodistas de Espectáculo) as Best Rock Band. In the same year the band had its first international release, a split-album with Argentinian band, The Jacqueline Trashcon, which includes *outtakes* from the "Laydown" recording sessions.

The following year The Ganjas went on to release their album "Daybreak" with Algo Records and played at Vive Latino 2007 in Santiago.

In 2008 Algo Records collaborated with Oveja Negra, Chile's Author's The Ganjas is a rock band from Santiago, Chile. Their sound combines elements of psychadellic rock, shoegaze, stoner rock, dub, reggae, space rock and Latin American rock.

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- [FUMA Y MIRA \(EP\) - 2004](#)
- [LAYDOWN \(LP\) - 2005](#)
- [THE JACQUELINE TRASH/THE GANJAS- SPLIT ARGENTINO- 2006](#)
- [DAYBREAK \(LP\) - 2007](#)
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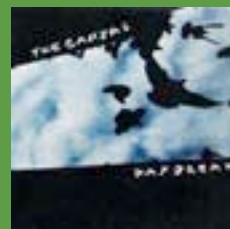
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFZMeAobOpw> .....**Dancehall**  
video del single del disco "Laydown" dirigido por Oliver Knust.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88NYUPrmhnl> .....**Daybreak**  
(en vivo), Extracto del show especialmente realizado para el documental "Solucion" de la productora Valcine.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtqZN90xj4g>  
.....**Interview with Andy Bell** (Ride - Oasis), talks about being a massive fan of Ganjas (2009)

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