



BARACUTANGA

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A Community of Rhythm, Song & Culture

Baracutanga is a seven-piece band representing four different countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, USA) that prides itself on arranging traditional South American rhythms in new and interesting ways, such as huayño and cumbia with Middle-Eastern darbuka or mixing Afro-Cuban bata and Afro-Peruvian festejo with Andean zampoñas, among several other rhythmic combinations. This kind of experimentation, coupled with blending ancestral traditions with a modern sensibility, has resulted in an exciting and distinct Latin flavor all its own that leaves dancing crowds always wanting more.

Lyrical and musically, **Baracutanga** proposes to build bridges between the south and the north, overcoming the barriers of discrimination. Aside from their affinity and respect for native rhythms from the lands of their ancestors, the group finds common ground in creating songs those cross-linguistic and cultural barriers, promoting intercultural experiences that empower Latinos with a positive message of self-affirmation. They fervently oppose all types of violence and conceive their music as a vessel to increase and acknowledge cultural pluralism.

Baracutanga's live shows are joyous, intense and explosive with fronting duties split between powerful Peruvian songstress **Jackie Zamora** and the band's exuberant beating heart, Bolivian multi-instrumentalist **Kilko Paz** (son of famed Bolivian activist Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui). Added magic comes from extraordinary Ecuadorian multi-instrumentalist **Carlos Noboa**. The group is rounded out by an extremely talented and inventive cast performing on guitars, horns, flutes, accordions, vibes, an array of percussion and all manner of string instruments and is often joined on stage by Afro-Peruvian and Latin dancers.

With their first full-length studio album, **Importados**, (recorded in Albuquerque, NM, Santa Fe, NM and Cadiz, Spain) released on September 2015, multiple regional awards and recognition, performances across the Southwest, Rocky Mountains, and California, with stops in NOLA, Austin and México, and an ever-growing fan base, New Mexico-based **Baracutanga** is ready to spread their fresh take and mix of South American flavors to national and international audiences.

Baracutanga is: Nicholas Baker (USA) – Drum kit, vibraphone, accordion, auxiliary percussion, vocals; Paul Gonzales (USA) –Trumpet and Brazilian percussion; Micah Hood (USA) – Trombone and auxiliary percussion; Carlos Noboa (Ecuador) – Bass, quena, and vocals; Kilko Paz (Bolivia) –Drum kit, surdos, charango, Peruvian cajón and vocals; Randy Sanchez (USA) – Guitar, bass and Cuban tres ; Jackie Zamora (Perú) – Lead vocal.

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Discography



Importados (2015)

Awards and Recognition

- **2017 New Mexico Music Awards**
Winner: Best Video "Son de la Condenada"
- **2017 Alibi Best of Burque**
2nd Place Best World Music Band, 3rd Place Best Latin Band
- **2016 New Mexico Music Awards**
Winner: Best World Music "Paixao";
Nominations: Best Latin Song, Best Producer
- **2016 Denver Audience Choice Award**
Nominee
- **2015 New Mexico Music Awards**
Winner: Best Original Arrangement "Deja de Matar"; Nominations: Best Latin Song, Best World Music Song and Best Mix
- **2015 New Mexico Music Awards, ABQ Song Competition**
Winner: "Rumba de Burque"
- **2010 Alibi Best of Burque**
Winner: "Rumba de Burque"



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Press and highlighted participations

- **Calgary Folk Festival 2017:** Calgary Sun (2017) - " ... the seven-piece band easily won over the crowd with blazing brass, danceable rhythms and the charisma of vocalist Jackie Zamora". Kerry Clark (artistic director), Calgary Herald (2017) - "They really brought it. They did everything I could have wanted them to do, both for the party and the main stage. Just the right attitude".

- **Santa Fe Band Stand 2017: Michael Dellheim (Director)** - "Huge Peruvian rhythms, reinforced by a massive horn section and Jackie Zamora's radiant presence combined to make Baracutanga's Bandstand appearance a season highlight party"

Other Highlighted participations: Americas Latino Eco Festival (Denver CO), Concerts @ The Park (Durango CO), Summer Fest Route 66 (Albuquerque NM), Summer Concert Series at the Bio Park (Albuquerque NM)