## ALEKSANDAR SANJA ILIC & BALKANIKA BRASS ORCHESTRA BIOGRAPHY

The musical formation "Balkanika" is a band which is rapidly gaining popularity worldwide. Aleksandar Sanja Ilic is one of the most successful composers of several music genres in former Yugoslavia, he writes music for movies and theatre and he won many prizes on different music festivals. His group "Balkanika" consists of young, famous and talented musicians who play old Balkan instruments and a specific formation of brass orchestra. The band came into existence in 2000, and has continually developed a sound that is without equivalent anywhere. The music style is very hard to describe; it is an original sound, combining elements of world music based on the powerful rhythm of the Balkans, in modern feeling and sensibility. Where it is possible, Sanja Ilic & Balkanika in the performance includes domestic choir and symphonic or string orchestra.

Projects "BALKAN 2000" and "BALKAN CONCEPT" are the bestselling projects in last 15 years in Serbia. New project "CEEPAJ" is going to be the greatest music project in Serbia and countries in the neighborhood.

The titles like "Balkanika – Urban Ethno Explosion" and "Balkanika-Fire of Balkan" present in the best manner what Balkanika really stands for now.

For the last two years there were more than 100 concerts in every continent. Spectacular concerts in Great Britain, United States, Canada, South Korea, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Mexico, China, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Tunisia, Luxembourg, Italy, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Turkey... were finished with standing ovations.

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