

# NEVERWONDER HAVIN' MUSICAL FUN IN THE WARM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUN

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base of Los Angeles with a unique sound fusing rock, pop, and funky grooves. Their music is driven by strong musicianship and is rooted in life's experiences. The new front woman of NEVERWONDER is classically-trained vocalist, Fabienne Grisel. Hailing from Geneva, Switzerland, Fabienne's vocal style effortlessly ranges from beautiful soprano tones to an edgy growl.

NEVERWONDER's new guitarist is Jay Wise. Jay is an accomplished California native who has many years of experience playing nationally and internationally. Jay has been involved in the rock and roll circle for many years, working with successful bands such as Kansas. The pulse and backbone of NEVERWONDER are drummer Andres Ramos and bassist, Vincent Ramos. These talented brothers are the heartbeat of the band.

Indie Go Rock recently did 5 Quick Questions with this talented troupe, here's how it went.

*IGR: How is NEVERWONDER carving out a place for the band in a very crowded, competitive L.A. music market, i.e. your use of social media, promotion, etc.?*

Vincent: This is a good question, we have a great team that helps us, and as band members we are always looking for things for the band to stand out in the PR world for sure. But it starts with the music at our rehearsal studio the music has to be great and from there we move to making a difference in the PR world from our Website, social Media and getting the word out to every site and radio stations we can.

Jay: We have a great team working behind the scene that supports the band greatly. We believe in professionalism from all angles. This would include, Song Writing, Musicianship, Social Media, Radio and Magazine exposure and our overall image/look as a band. This sets us apart from most bands in the LA music scene market today.

Fabienne: I think because we have been playing music for so long we definitely know the music biz pretty well. We are all accomplished musicians who play a type of rock music that is mostly organic even though I personally enjoy experimenting with some cool effects, or electronic influence when we are in the studio. We're not trying to be the super trendy but we are definitely not dated if you know what I mean 😊 The music we play is a type of timeless melodic rock with cool funky beats. Something the younger crowd can bounce to and everyone else can rock to. Also as Jay said, we all participate, Between the social media, promo, etc... When we're in the studio, we all write together, share ideas on production etc... Also we do have an amazing team behind us that takes care of the PR and our website. So we try to have all these aspects covered.

Dre: Well you're right it's very competitive, but I think it's just about keeping it real, you're at where you're at and you just have to keep trying to get ahead trying to network and make new contacts and fans along the way.

*IGR: How has assimilating a new vocalist (Fabienne Grisel) and guitarist (Jay Wise) into your group been thus far?*

Vincent: You know it has been very good, fun and a lot of hard work together but I'm very proud, what Jay and Fabienne bring to the table is great and most of all they are hard workers, so that always makes it easier, they are willing to put in the work and make the songs even better than they were in the past, and that is always fun, but the new songs they are off the hook good. We have learned a lot from them also, so it is a 2-way street. So simply put, I'm very proud overall of where NEVERWONDER is today!

Dre: Great question, it's a pleasure to work with Fab and Jay, NEVERWONDER Hasn't been better.



IGR: *What are some of the bands that have influenced NEVERWONDER?*

Fabienne: Since I'm a new addition I can only speak for myself here, but I have a pretty eclectic palate when it comes down to music. I'm European so I enjoy different type of foreign music; French pop, folk, gypsy music and British rock bands like: Radiohead, Muse and The Cure or U2. Led Zeppelin, Pat Benatar and Prince have had a big influence too, since I grew up in the 70's/80's. And currently I enjoyed corky artists like Bjork or like bluesy Jack White and The Dead Weather. My father was a jazz trumpet player so I grew up listening to jazz at home and I'm also classically trained vocally, so I think it all



affects how I sing and feel music. So, you put all that together and I guess here I am the new vocalist of NEVERWONDER 😊 lol!

Vincent: It all starts with each band member and what they are into, so as you read each band members answers then mix them all together and you get the NEVERWONDER new sound, So for me it started with AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Rush, Black Sabbath, Prince, Duran, Duran and some of the new bands like Muse, Queens of the stone age, Audioslave, Bruno Mars, Foo Fighters, Incubus, U2 and 30 seconds to Mars. And so many more to Jazz, pop, soul and whatever moves me heck I do like some Disco as the bass lines are so good and makes the songs just move for me. I throw all these styles into our songs.

Jay: My influences range from groups like Queen, Rush, Kansas and Journey, just to name a few. My guitar playing style utilizes a blues and metal feel crossed with jazz fusion. This gives me the versatility to play many styles that are from bands of yesterday and of today.

Dre; For me I have been Influenced by Britney Spears lol for real, Led Zeppelin, AudioSlave, RHCP, Public Enemy, Rush just to name a few.

*IGR: How would you describe the NEVERWONDER 'sound'?*

Jay: We are a hard rock group with a back-beat groove that is over the top!!!! Vince and Dre make a rhythm section that is among the best in LA. Combine all this with Fabienne's melodic and powerful vocal as well as my driving guitar; you will get a sound that is unique and unforgettable.

Fabienne: I would describe our sound as classic hard rock with a funky edge and melodic vocals. As I mentioned before we have a timeless sound to us but

we like to experiment creatively, with different beats or effects. So it has a current sound for sure. A cool blend of classic hard rock and indie funkiness! Lol! I think the songs on our next album will explain it better than I can.

Vincent: It is the best things about NEVERWONDER, Great strong guitars, Soaring vocal, thunder drums and some solid bass. It is Rock for sure but with all types of styles mixed in together like groove, pop, classic rock and anything that makes us feel good. But overall, we have to love the song we play and write together that is a must. Also, we love to add hooks in the songs that you remember when we finish the songs.

Dre: Hmmm, the NEVERWONDER sound? Another great question (laughs) we are all influenced by so many acts it's hard to pin point it but in a nutshell rock, funk and just high energy rock.

*I GR: What's the 2019 Plan for NEVERWONDER World Music Domination?*

Dre: World Domination! The first thing is to write great songs, songs that will be played fifty years from now, but we plan on releasing a album next year and I think that will take NEVERWONDER to a higher level.

Vincent: 2018 has been awesome so far and we have really set up a great foundation for 2019. What our plan is this, more shows, continue to push the EP, more press, more radio interviews but the big one is to finish up writing the new CD then we would record it and release our new CD...Then really push the CD to the world. Lastly Thank you for having us means so much!!

Fabienne: Besides a new album coming in the new year, we have a lot of cool stuff cooking but I think I'm going to let Vince explain it to you. All I can tell you, is that we are just getting started, we are pumped and excited. 2019 is going to be NEVERWONDER'S year! Get ready!

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