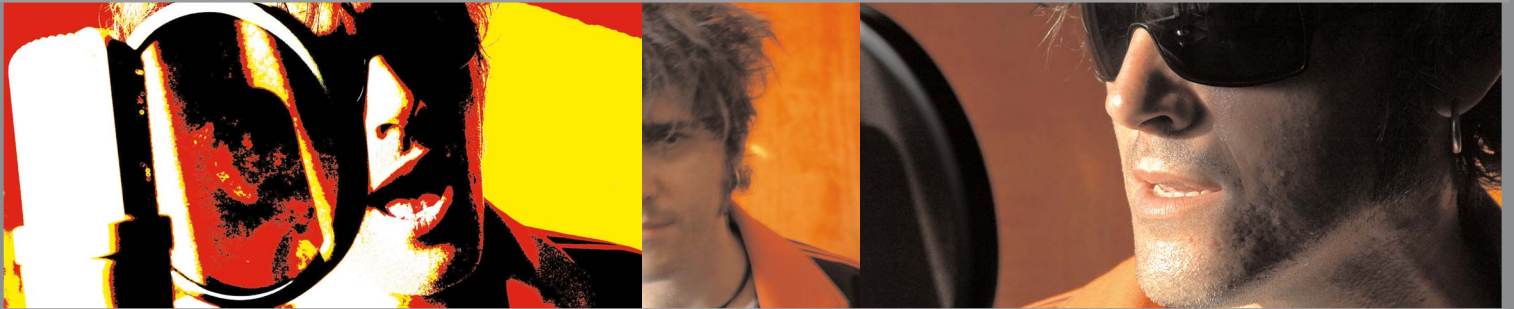


## GECKO TURNER



Although relatively new to the US, **Gecko Turner** is a musician, producer, and composer that has been steadily growing his career in his home country of Spain for the past decade. First establishing himself in Madrid, **Gecko Turner** has been the frontman of such bands as The Animal Crackers, the Reverendoes, and Perroflauta. With an eclectic style, called "Afromeño" Gecko's unique trademark appears to be in his ability to blend global influences from all over the world including Spain, Africa and the Americas.

Last year, **Gecko Turner** was awarded the *Premio Extremadura a la Creación 2004* prize, the region's highest honor for artistic creation by a jury that included Nobel Laureate, Jose Saramago. Past winners of this coveted prize include Brazilian composer Gilberto Gil.

On his first major US release, "**Guapapasea!**" Gecko Turner includes a number of captivating original songs and covers – all with his own special touch. Imagine a reggae-swing version of Bob Marley's RAINBOW COUNTRY, or how about a Spanish version of Bob Dylan's SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES. Indeed, from the moment you hear the first track, you'll realize that this album is meant to take you on a musical journey with its incorporation of jazz, afrobeat, bossa nova, reggae, funk and soulful undertones. Helping seam this wildly eclectic collection of songs include a cadre of international artists such as Brazilian percussionist Rubem Dantas, (Paco de Lucia, Chick Corea), Emilio Valdés (Chucho Valdés), New York based sax player Javier Vercher, and the renowned Rio De Janeiro trumpet player, Irapoan Freire (Caetano Veloso).

One of the most interesting musical works to come from Spain in many years, "**Guapapasea!**" found a fitting home in the US with **Quango Music Group**, and founder Bruno Guez. Quango, long-established as a tastemaker label of exotic globally open-minded music, is renowned as the label responsible for championing artists like Zero 7, Koop, Talvin Singh and Kruder & Dorfmeister.

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