

## **BALKAN KHANS**

The REAL Balkan Beat Box team, coming from the heart of the Balkans



### **BEATBOX style MEETS BALKAN traditions**

The BALKAN KHANS had their first gigs as one of the live experiments at the BALKAN SCIENTISTS parties in Sofia. This was a unique gathering place where musicians with strong personalities, coming from very different backgrounds, ethnicities and generations, joined their forces. That is how it became possible for the 68 years old gypsy violin virtuoso Venzi Takev to share one stage with the 25 years old beat box phenomena Skiller. This young dude is popular all over the world as 2012 world champion in beatbox battle.

The radical mind of the band gives the multi-instrumentalist and globetrotting composer Nikolai Ivanov OM. He is a founding member of the band as well as the bagpipe and tupan master Kolio Ivanov - a wedding musician from the tiny town Straldsha. This year Ateshkan Yuseinov playing different kinds of guitars and saz joined the band.

### **UNPREDICTABLE, EXPLOSIVE, MYSTICAL AND DUBBY**

This mixture of musicians is able to combine Balkan music with heavy dub, Indian and Oriental music, fusion, jazz, tribal rhythms, and even more. In this way it is time for BALKAN KHANS to break up the dead end street of the ever same melodies and loops of the so called Balkan Beats.

At their live concerts BALKAN KHANS every time amaze the public with new ideas and improvisations. Thus it is not surprising that even a romantic Bulgarian Estrada song from the 70s becomes a naughty 'Balkan blaster' under the BALKAN KHANS hands.

Skiller – the beatbox

Ventzi Takev – violin

Nikolai Ivanov OM – keyboards, guitar, voice

Ateshkan Yuseinov – guitar

Kolio Ivano – gaida / bagpipe and tupan drum

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