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About

Heavy Mellow plays metal classics on flamenco guitars, combining flamenco technique with arranged versions of metal songs. The group describes its sound simply: metal classics on flamenco guitars, with arrangements built to honor the original songs while adding flamenco detail and technical playing.

Heavy Mellow was formed in January 2012 by Ben Woods, Luis Villegas, and Al Velasquez. A Los Angeles-based lineup is also listed as Ben Woods on guitar, Luis Villegas on guitar, and Mike Bennett on cajon. Ben Woods is identified as a master flamenco guitarist, and Luis Villegas as a latin guitar virtuoso.

Live, the act is centered on flamenco guitar performance and metal/flamenco arrangements, and it may also feature belly dancer(s). Performance history in the source text includes Los Angeles venues and the Monsters of Rock Cruise 2012, a floating rock festival to the Bahamas. The act is also listed as a favorite of Monsters of Rock Cruise in 2012, 2013, and 2014, with a booking noted for 2015, and as a favorite and staple of Hard Rock Cafe Hollywood.

In fall 2012, Heavy Mellow released Heavy Mellow Volumes 1&2, featuring versions of metal songs. Listed endorsements include Cordoba Guitars, Godin Guitars, Daniel Mari Strings, Shubb Capos, and SR technologies.

Short bio

HEAVY MELLOW performs metal classics on flamenco guitars, with intricate arrangements shaped by intense flamenco technique. The Los Angeles-based trio features Ben Woods, Luis Villegas, and Al Velasquez, with percussion adding depth to the guitar-driven sound.

Full press bio

HEAVY MELLOW is a Los Angeles-based trio performing metal classics on flamenco guitars. Ben Woods, Luis Villegas, and Al Velasquez combine intense flamenco playing, intricate arrangements, and percussion to celebrate the original songs while adding depth, technicality, and a distinctive acoustic feel. The group has performed at Los Angeles venues and the Monsters of Rock Cruise, and released Heavy Mellow Volumes 1&2 featuring metal classics.

Tagline

Metal classics reworked for flamenco guitars

Photos

Performance videos

- Performance video
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl_B0ZqS2zs
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  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxlus4reZ5U
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  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLG1MkRlHEI
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  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvM8dnCXvcY

Setlist

- Cemetery Gates
- Holy Wars
- Mr. Scary
- Wasted Years
- Bark At The Moon
- Electric Eye
- I Am A Viking
- We Rock
- Rainbow In The Dark
- Nothing Else Matters

Contact and booking

Booking details and inquiries

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