CECE GIANNOTTI

Full biography

BIOGRAPHY

2022–2021 | New CD **Hearts & Wings** created during the lockdown. Mini tour of the Canary Islands. Regrouped with old band **Traditional Tourist** to record an online music program "Reading Music" inspired by NPR sessions. Recorded guitars for on **Robert Johnson's** new cd "So the Story Goes". Recorded "When love comes around" for Canadian artist **Sarah Sokal** blues album "Twisted Games".

2020 | Compilation CD **Christamas EP** includes 7 tracks and also a version of the catalan song **"El noi de la Mare"**. Tribute concert to Italian artist **Roberto Cassan**.

2019 | CD **The very Best of CG** celebrating 25 years, releases **Cover me (vol. 1)** a CD of covers. Appearance at the end of the **TV3 program** "Manual de supervivència" singing a version of **Bon Dia** by **Els Pets**.

2018–2017 | Mini tour of Spain (Albacete and Cuenca) among other cities. CD launch **"Exodus to the promise land" Festival Barnasants** & **Sant Pau Inèdit**. Tour of **Canada** presentating the new CD **Back to the roots**. Co writes Soundtrack for the second season of **Merlí** (TV3 serie).

2016–2015 | Presents **"Exodus to the promise land"** at the **Barcelona Grec Festival 2016** and releases **"The boat diary"** CD. Co writes Soundtrack of **Merlí** (TV3 serie). Co writes the song **"In the same boat"** the lyrics for the documentary **"In the same boat"**.

2015–2014 | Tour of **Canada** presentation of the new CD **Déjà voodoo** & tour of Catalunya including show in **Mas i Mas Festival**.

2014–2012 | New CD **"Live at the Jamboree"** dedicated to **J.J. Cale**. Records the **Mother Road** project for the TV3 show **Cava de blues** with **Francesc Chaparro** and **aupaQUARTET**.

2012-2011 | DVD **"Live in Barcelona"**, Recorded **Jazz a l'estudi** and **Blues a l'estudi** on **TV3**, New CD **"Escape"** released on Sauri Records, collaborations (**Marc Ribot, Alain Mallet, Jonah Smith, Bennett Paster**).

2010-2009 | **Musical Direction concert 15 years of BTV**, Sang one track on feature film **Magic Journey to Africa**, presented the new CD **"Pivot Point"** in the **XXI Festival Guitarra Barcelona**, and **won AMJM 2010 Record of the year Award**. Produced catalan actor **Bruno Oro** new CD "Tempus Fugit", Recorded 3 tracks with **Tom Waits guitarrist Marc Ribot**.

2008-2007 | Composes 2 songs for the film **Road Spain**, as well as the main theme of the **Muriel Robin & Pierre Balmade comedy "EX"**, starring Angels Gonyalons and Abel Folk. Produced **Victor Bocanegra** (Fonografies).

2006-2005 | Composes the incidental music for the **new image for Catalan TV** (TV3) in collaboration with **Francesc Chaparro**, which is **awarded the 2006 PromaxBDA prize in New York**. Composes the music for the new **IcatFm radio station** with Francesc Chaparro. Composes the music for various advertising campaigns - **Spirit, Marie Claire, Lotus, Bonka, Calipso, Affinity, Vitalinea, Pans & Company, Font vella**.

2005-2004 | Founds the group **Sunstation** with **Joe Lewis, Pere Foved**, with whom he records a CD which is **promoted in London with the help of BBC2's legendary Bob Harris**. His composition The healer whale is included in the **"Relaxation 2" compilation**. Composes the song You got me hypnotized for the **Antonio Banderas Mediterraneo men's fragrance** advertising campaign. Records a song with the **London Session Orchestra** for a **Repsol** oil company advertisement.

2004-2003 | Produces "Vil·la Blauet", the first CD sung in Catalan by **Joan Vinyals**. Composes the music for the pyrotechnic show during the inauguration of the **2004 Forum of the Cultures**, in collaboration with **Francesc Chaparro and Marcel Botella**. Releases his first solo album **"Noctámbulo"** (Capità Planet Records), distributed by **Filmax Music**. Works with Carles Casas as guitarist for the score of the Spanish film **"La mujer de mi vida"**.

2003-2002 | Producer and arranger for Native American Sioux artist **Calvin Standing Bear**'s CD, Fly Eagle Fly. Guitarist and vocalist for the "Collares enredados" CD by **Cristina Vilallonga** (singer for **Gotan Project**). Produces **Doug Shelburne**'s CD, "The Turtle Project". Produces the second album for Dublin songwriter **Brian Caffrey**, "Feed the flame".

2001 | Records the **"Open Arms"** CD, a duet with Barcelona guitarist Joan Vinyals. Produces 5 tracks for **Alex Warner** CD "Time for Life". Produces **Sam Lardner** CD "Suite Mediterráneo". Composes and produces the soundtrack CD to animation series **"Fanhunter"**.

2000-1999 | Plays guitar for the contemporary **African dance company Cleo Parker Robinson**. Produces the first album of Spanish pop group **Los Elefantes**.

1997 | Opens for **Tina Turner** at the **Palau Sant Jordi** stadium in Barcelona. Records a third album with **Traditional Tourist**, backed by **Cadena Cien radio station**, which stays in the **top 20 hits for 4 weeks**. Opens for renowned Spanish pop artist **Kiko Veneno**.

1996 | Records an EP of 3 original songs with a more electric approach. Plays in various festivals: **Doctor Music Festival, Altaveu, Festival de la Diversitat**. Composes and plays guitar for several animation series by artist **Javier Mariscal** (Twipsy, Acuarinto).

1995-1994 | Records the main them to the Oscar Aibar movie **"Atolladero"** with **Iggy Pop**. In April, records the unplugged show **Traditional Tourist "live at the Harlem Jazz Club"**.

1994-1993 | Founds the group **Traditional Tourist**, with **Caspar Saint Charles, Jean Paul Dupeyron**, and **Santi Ursul**. Inaugurates the **Jamboree Jazz Club** opening for the Mint Juleps. They record their first CD, **Traditional Tourist**, with 7 original songs. Records guitar for **John Cale**'s soundtrack to the **Manuel Huerga** movie **"Antartida"**.

1992-1991 | Moves to **Barcelona** and works as arranger and guitarist for the dance company **Nats Nus**. Plays guitar for **Big Mama and The Blues Messengers**.

1990-1989 | Producer and composer at **Room With A View studios** with artist such as **Tangara, Amotz Plessner, Denise Martin**. Publishes his first record **"Change my World" (Cece and it never Rains)** and goes on promotional tour to **Italy, Spain** and **Switzerland**.

1988-1987 | Moves to **New York** and is hired as **producer for MCA Records** for Australian singer **Tracy Barry**. Records with percussion groups **Olodum** and **Araketu** in **Salvador de Bahia, Brazil**. Records two songs with the **Harlem Gospel Choir**. Founds his own group **Cece and it Never Rains** and records with **Alain Mallet** (keyboardist for **Paul Simon**), **Wesley Wirth** (bass player for **Bob Moses**) and **Patrick Gorague**r (drummer for **Bill Evans** and keyboard player for **Arthur Ashe**).

1986-1985 | Tours Quebec with the group **Ardea**. Guitarist and backing vocalist for the group **Rhythm Method**.

1984-1981 | Private guitar studies **Sam Balderman, Jon Greir, Neil Smaller**.

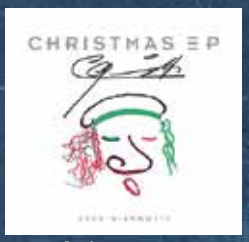
1980 | Toured with **Uptown Magic** around Montreal college circuit. Opened for Italian singer **Umberto Tozzi and Laura Brannigan**. Studies jazz guitar at the **College Georges-Vanier** and the **University of McGill**.

1979 | Founds the quartet **Uptown Magic**, with **Rhonda Smith** (bass player for **Prince**), and they **win Best New Band award**. They record their first single **"Trip to Jamaica"**, which **becomes a hit** among Montreal college radio stations.

1964 | Born in Montreal, Canada.

DISCOGRAPHY

Hearts & Wings
(Cece Giannotti)
2022



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(Cece Giannotti)
2010/2011

The space between
(Cece Giannotti)
2005

Noctambulo
(Cece Giannotti)
2004

REVIEWS

Cece Giannotti's album
"The space between" is a real find
Bob Harris (Tastemaker Radio BBC 2)

Excellent, love your music
Francois Fortin (CKOI FM Montreal)

One of the best acts i've heard
in the past six months
Phil Swern (BBC Radio Producer)

Nice touches and great vocals
Micky Watson (IBFM - University of Burnley)

CG's is a blend of wilco, and jayhawks...
Josep M. Carrasco ("La taberna del Llop" RTVE)

Giannotti accompanied by Chaparro doing
some exceptional work on production
Santiago Alcanda (RN3)

Night full of surprises
M. Formentor (La Vanguardia)

Sensational program, exceptional music
Salva Lopez (COM radio)

I love the album and have
played it over and over
Jenny Marsh (URB - University of Bath)

I was amazed by its boundless imagination.
I was charmed by its extremely
accomplished atmospheres.
How original, how well-recorded,
and how great it sounds!
Charlie Faber (RN3)

He explores different avenues of his guitar
and his voice, great production work
Albert Puig (Icat fm)

Magnificent songwriting and production
Adrian Leverkun

His voice is bursting with the maturity
of an angel trying to catch a fleeting
loud with his fingers
Sonia Carmona (Icat fm)

CG's wonderful soudscapes are
bewitching atmospheres
Marina Arbat Bofill

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