

A TALE OF TWO ROCK STARS: ARNEL PINEDA AND BAMBOO EAST COAST LIVE POP ROCK CONCERT EXPERIENCE AT BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY

(August 20, 2021) - From a homeless singer to an international rockstar -recreating the voice of one of the biggest pop-rock bands in the world- Journey, Arnel Pineda story is any singer's magical, inspiring tale. Yes, don't stop believing he will say, and indeed the impossible dream can happen. His life story is a testament to one man's ascent to fame and fortune from a music man's struggling life in Manila.

Arnel was a lead singer for various bands and club acts in the Philippines in the late 1980s and 1990s.

In 2007, Neal Schon, guitarist, and member of the band Journey, saw Pineda's video on YouTube and immediately contacted him. The band had been looking for a new lead singer, and Pineda's voice sounded strikingly similar to Steve Perry, Journey's legendary former frontman. After speaking with Neal Schon on the phone, he flew to the United States and auditioned with the band in San Francisco. By the end of the year 2007, Pineda was welcomed as the band's new lead singer. Immediately, he went on tour with the band, performing two shows in Chile and two in Las Vegas, which were all monster hits. After a series of guest show appearances and magazine features, he gained popularity within the American public. Arnel Pineda brought back the tenor, emotional voice of Steve Perry and reignited the soul of the legendary Journey band back to sell-out concerts. He recaptured the lead singer's voice with a history of 80 million hits and sold-out stadiums and concert arenas worldwide. Journey once again is in the crescent of fame as one of the most enduring pop-rock bands in the music industry.

Bamboo is a <u>Filipino American</u> musician and singer-songwriter. He began his career as a vocalist and original frontman of <u>Rivermaya</u> and later fronted his own band, <u>Bamboo</u>. Bamboo band disbanded in 2011. Mañalac then pursued a solo career and released his first solo album, *No Water, No Moon*.

Mañalac is famous for his vocals, which combine a rock style with a mellow approach; he also had a notably energetic style in live performances. His musical and vocal talents and his band's polished sound have made him a rock icon in the Philippines.

Mañalac was born in <u>Quezon City</u>, <u>Philippines</u> to Filipino parents. His family immigrated to San Francisco, California, when he was ten years old and spent the rest of his childhood there. He was named after a combination of his grandfathers' names and coincidentally after his home city. His mother gave him the nickname "Bamboo" when he was still a kid.

In 2002, after living in Los Angeles following the <u>Rivermaya</u> tour in <u>America</u>, Mañalac returned to the Philippines. His former bandmate in Rivermaya, <u>Nathan Azarcon</u>, introduced him to <u>Ira Cruz</u> and Vic Mercado. Later, all of them joined together and formed the band <u>Bamboo</u>. Since then, the band had launched four successful albums and received numerous awards.

Bamboo, alongside Sarah Geronimo and Lea Salonga, are current coaches for *The Voice Philippines*.

In October 2015, four years after releasing his first album, Bamboo released his second solo album entitled <u>Bless this Mess</u>. The 10-track album was recorded in Grand Street Recording Studio, Brooklyn, New York.

Together for the first time in the US, these two Rock Icons join together in one stage to recapture LIVE pop-rock concert experience in 7 cities - Las Vegas, San Diego, San Jose, Anaheim, Seattle, Atlantic City, and Delaware.

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