

Felix y los Gatos – Band Bio

Formed in 2004, Felix Y Los Gatos is a National touring act with their roots planted firmly in the desert Southwest. With 15+ years of stage experience, the Gato's have an improvisational style that is uniquely their own. Their sound is crafted through the cultural influences of Zydeco, Tex-Mex, Blues, and Gypsy Jazz, Swing, a dash of Outlaw country, and the mystical, spiritual realm of Santana Latino soul style playing. The Gatos have been featured at the Telluride Blues Festival, Thirsty Ear Festival, Long Beach Crowdaddy Fest, BlissFest, Blast Furnace Blues Festival, Zion Canyon Music Festival, the Hatch Green Chile Festival, and countless other large events. Their undying passion to play music has allowed them the privilege of sharing the stage with acts such as Big Bad VooDoo Daddy, Tab Benoit, BeauSoleil, Ozomatli, Wayne "The Train" Hancock, FishBone, Dikki Du & the Zydeco Krewe, as well as featuring John Popper of Blues Traveler on the track "Hot Damn" from their Album, "OCHO". Founding members Felix Peralta(aka: Gato Malo) & D.B. Gomez came together by way of the open mics in the Albuquerque University area where they began playing music together. Gato (vocals, guitar) as he's come to be known spent his childhood watching his family play traditional (rancheras) New Mexico music in Albuquerque's, South Valley. Today you can hear Malo channel the sounds of his ancestors through his music and songwriting. D.B. (button accordion) originally a piano player who grew up in Santa Fe, was also exposed to the traditional sound of the NM Southwest music sound and was drawn into the accordion as a way to be more mobile and versatile in his playing style with Gato. Through their musical styles, Felix y los Gatos was born. Long time Drummer Melvin "The Honey" Crisp brings a Cajun/Zydeco rhythm like none other and Bassist Norteno Tim seal the style with rich tone and razor precision sealing the style and sound of Felix y los Gatos, one of the most musically diverse and entertaining acts of the desert Southwest. One thing is certain, Felix y los Gatos is sure to get you out of your seat and dancing the night away. Please visit www.felixylosgatos.com or following the guys on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.