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Daily Inspiration: Meet Miguel Pumarol - VoyageSTL Magazine

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Today we'd like to introduce you to Miguel Pumarol.

Hi Miguel, we'd love for you to start by introducing yourself.

I got my start in music at 14 when I formed a band with my neighborhood friends. In my native home of the Dominican Republic, there was a very active indie music scene, and I started collaborating with other more established musicians until I joined a pop/rock band called IO that went on to record a number one song in the local charts.

After participating in many projects, I went to NYC to develop my skills as a drummer, and after a little over a year returned to the island with the desire to create a project with my newfound sound. This takes us to 1998 when I founded the band “Tribal del Sol” with Raya Payan and Laura Rivera, this project opened the doors to international recognition and led to many more exciting projects, live performances, and recording sessions with musicians that I’ve admired all my life.

Right now I am very excited to become part of the music scene in St. Louis with my new band Prasonga, where I am producing songs with amazing musicians and human beings Drew and Destiny McGrail, and Eduardo Chuffa.

Would you say it’s been a smooth road, and if not what are some of the biggest challenges you’ve faced along the way?

The road to being an artist is hardly ever smooth, I’ve faced many obstacles along the way, one of the biggest ones has been my struggle with anxiety. I developed anxiety after the death of my mother, and it has taken me many years to regain my balance.

Alright, so let’s switch gears a bit and talk business. What should we know about your work?

I am a songwriter, drummer, and music producer. I am known for my lyrics and as a professional drummer. My proudest achievement has been the songs that I’ve written and have stood the test of time, over 20 years after their release people still sing the lyrics when I play them live and it’s the best feeling to be part of that moment.

Knowing that I wrote those words in a notebook so many years ago and they still inspire so many people. I am also very proud of

my advertising career, where I've had the opportunity to work with brands that include Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Verizon, Taco-Bell, Lays, Budweiser, and others.

How do you define success?

Success is a state, an illusion, it comes and goes. In the music business, it can be a roller coaster.

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TRIBU DEL SOL EN CONCIERTO

JUEVES 29 DE MARZO / CINEMA CAFE / 9:00 P.M. / RDS 500 P/P (PRE-VENTA)

Radio 99.7
GOLD'S GYM
enVoga tienes que estar
Tickets.do BOLETAS A LA VENTA VIA INTERNET EN www.tickets.do
Cinema Cafe

The poster features a photograph of the three members of Tribu del Sol. The band's name is in a stylized font with sun motifs. The event details are listed below the photo. Logos for Radio 99.7, Gold's Gym, enVoga, Tickets.do, and Cinema Cafe are at the bottom.





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