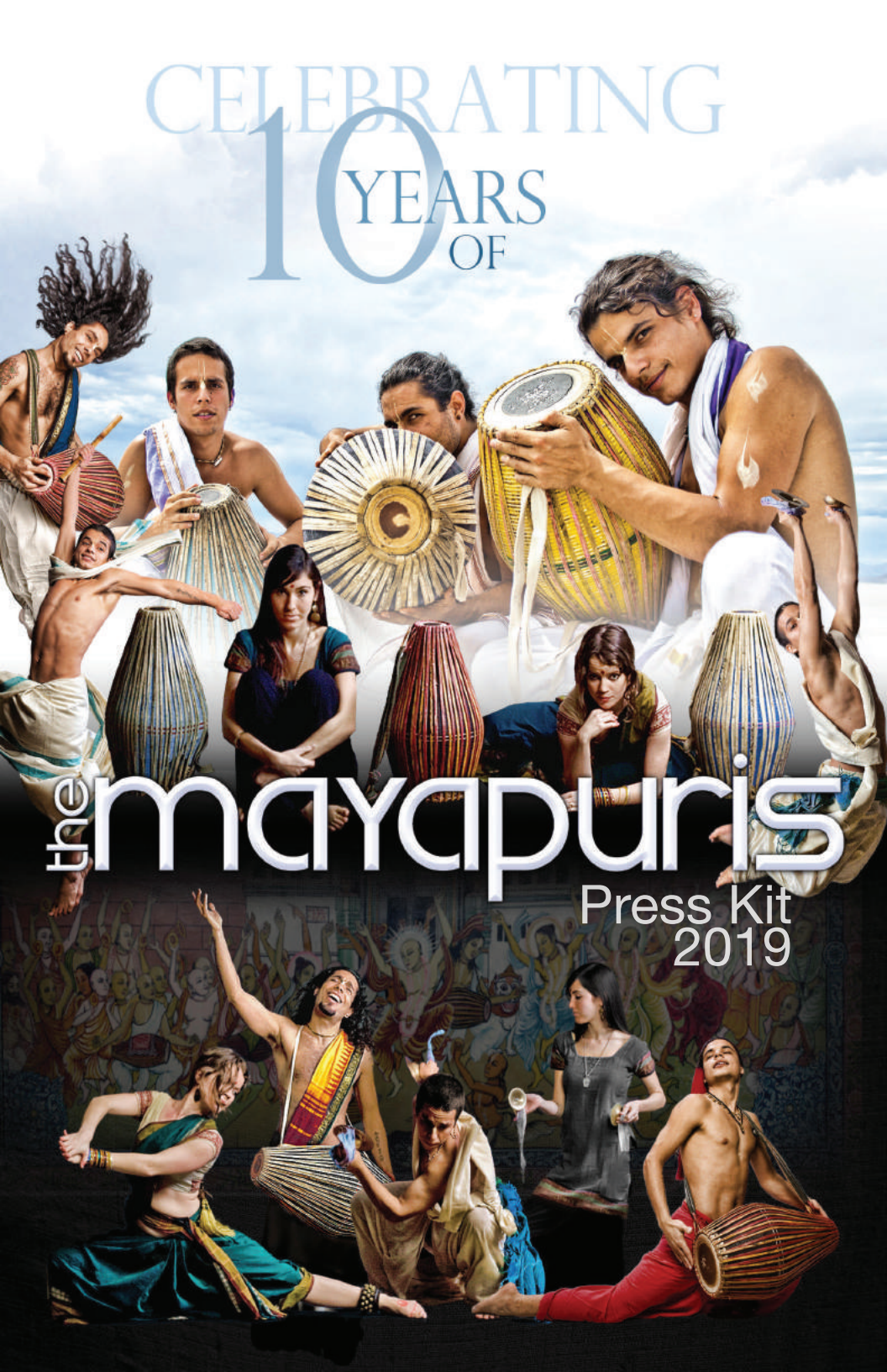


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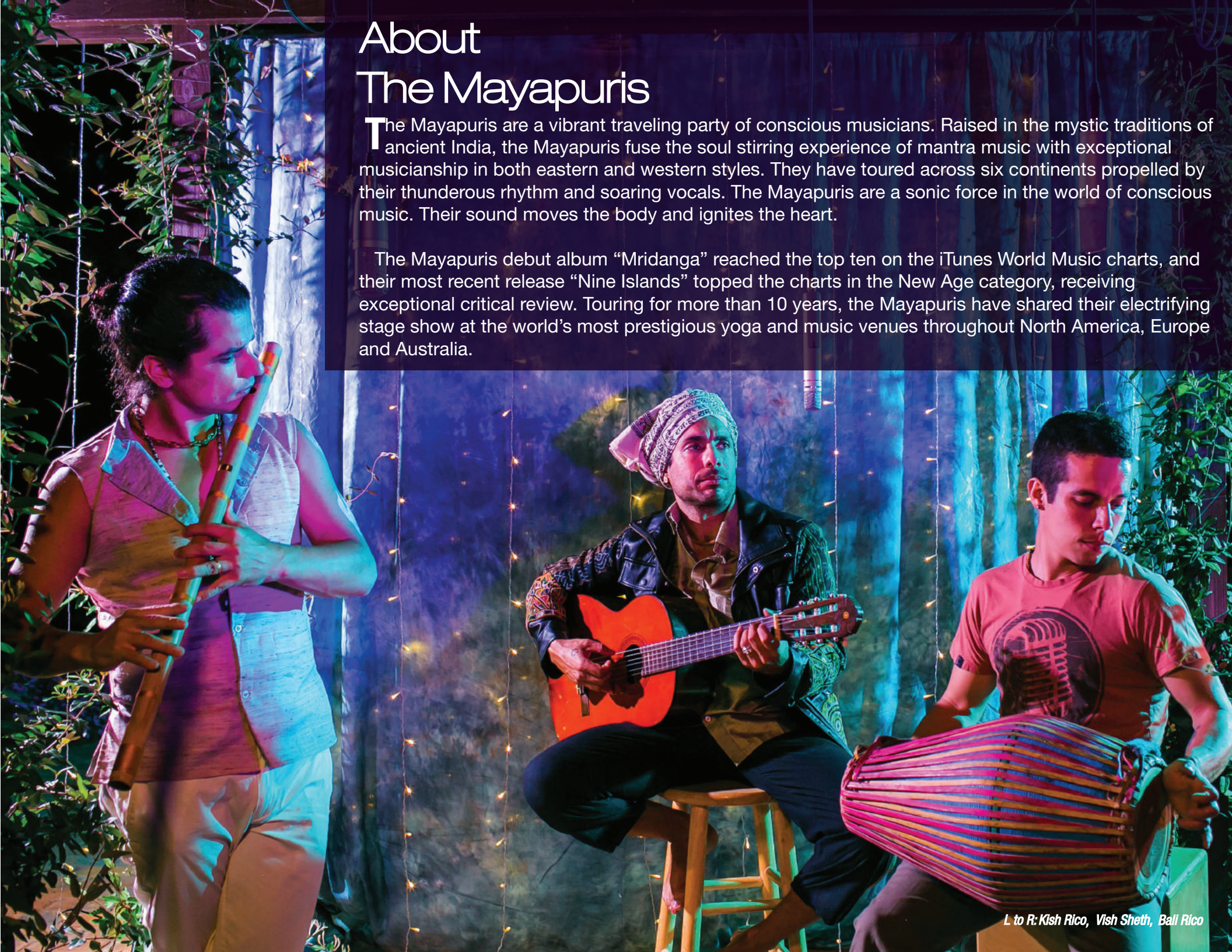




# About The Mayapuris

The Mayapuris are a vibrant traveling party of conscious musicians. Raised in the mystic traditions of ancient India, the Mayapuris fuse the soul stirring experience of mantra music with exceptional musicianship in both eastern and western styles. They have toured across six continents propelled by their thunderous rhythm and soaring vocals. The Mayapuris are a sonic force in the world of conscious music. Their sound moves the body and ignites the heart.

The Mayapuris debut album “Mridanga” reached the top ten on the iTunes World Music charts, and their most recent release “Nine Islands” topped the charts in the New Age category, receiving exceptional critical review. Touring for more than 10 years, the Mayapuris have shared their electrifying stage show at the world’s most prestigious yoga and music venues throughout North America, Europe and Australia.



*L to R: Kish Rico, Vish Sheth, Bali Rico*



# What People Are Saying

The Mayapuris are a uniquely powerful east/west band. They are as motivated by spiritual understanding and divine love as they are equipped with real musical talent.

*-Ilan Chester  
Latin Grammy Winner*

The Mayapuris did it again with 'Nine Islands' ... another blissful offering filled with sincerity and divine love. Always inspiring to witness their authenticity and commitment to the Divine Name. Hari Bol!

*-Trevor Hall*

I love the music of the Mayapuris - their new album is like walking amidst the sounds and smells in ancient India mixed with their contemporary flair. A beautiful offering to deep spirit.

*-Stephan Rechtschaffen Founder of  
Omega Institute and Blue Spirit*

The Mayapuris are always a pleasure to listen to, observe and share the stage with! Nine Islands is full of emotion, skill and love.

*-DJ Drez*

Neuroscientists have concluded that listening to Mozart has the effect of rewiring your brain—making you smarter. Listening to the Mayapuris sing God's holy names has the power to rewire your brain and elevate your soul to ecstatic heights of enlightened delight. This is what ecstasy sounds like.

*- Sharon Gannon "Founder Jivanmukti"*

This beautiful production combines musical sounds and instruments that have hundreds of years of tradition with a fresh and modern musical concept. The Mayapuris sound is unique, energetic and spiritual. Their new album will take you on a very special musical journey.

*-Boris Milan Mixer / Mastering Engineer  
(6 time Latin Grammy Award winner)*



**Nine Islands-**  
*Mayapuris most recent album*

I was honored and excited to be asked to Mix and Master the most recent Album of The Mayapuris called Nine Islands. I was thrilled to be involved with this beautiful musical production as it combines musical sounds and instruments that have hundreds of years of traditions but with a new more fresh and modern music concept, in fact, creating a very unique sound that is both energetic and spiritual at the same time that only identifies the unique sound of The Mayapuris. I was happy to work very closely with the band to craft and deliver their musical vision and I invite you to listen to Nine Islands and let it take you in a very special musical journey.

*-Boris Milan Mixer / Mastering Engineer  
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# What People Are Saying

With their drums and elevating vocals, The Mayapuris take their listeners on a wild and rhythmic ride that is sure to get the bhakti surging. Mridanga is excellent as an accompaniment for faster, flowing styles of asana, and essential for ecstatic dancing.

– *Yoga Journal (May 2011)*

Truly something for everyone, from beats that will get you jumping out of your seat to smooth peaceful chants that create a meditative mood.

– *Aura Magazine*

The Mayapuris are rocking the globe... They live, breathe and embody the Shakti of Bhakti.

– *Shiva Rea*

The Mayapuris flow effortlessly from serene prayers and chants to samba party music and raw, almost tribal sounding, street kirtana drumming.

– *Harmonist.com*

Their lively performance is making huge waves in the American yoga scene and beyond.

– *MC Yogi*

The Mayapuris are the young tigers of Kirtan.

– *Jai Uttal*

Explosive. Quixotic. Stunning. Kirtan with the Mayapuris is like riding a rocket to the world of Krishna.

– *Gaura Vani*



Mridanga, *The Mayapuris* debut CD released on Mantralogy.

They make you feel as if you can fly. My soul can't stop smiling when they start to do their thing.

– *CC White*

The Mayapuri drummers fill my heart with awe and wonder!

– *Daniel Paul*

Their presence and musical artistry create a powerful impact wherever they perform.

– *Yogi Amrit Desai*







## Vish Sheth

Visvambhar 'Vish' Sheth is the lead singer of the internationally acclaimed group 'The Mayapuris', a headlining Kirtan group that has rocked stages from India to Florida, Australia to South Africa. Starting at the age of 5, Vish has spent his life leading Kirtans in the ISKCON (Vaisnava) tradition.

He is a multi-instrumentalist, and a master of the Mridanga drum and performs in traditional as well as fusion styles. Vish started performing in the modern yoga studio culture 2007, and since then he has performed at countless studio gatherings and well known spiritual venues like Bhaktifest, Omega Institute, Wanderlust, Beloved Festival, Floyd Festival, and many others. In addition to being a master percussionist, Vish also plays many instruments - harmonium, bamboo flute, guitar, sitar, and bass. Vish is an in-demand sideman as well, and has toured with Kirtan pioneer Jai Uttal and is also a performing and recording artist with the renowned world-beat ensemble, The Hanumen. Vish has not only mastered his art but has a rare capacity to invoke the 'rasa' or the essence of the transcendental energies that define the Kirtan path.





## Bali Rico

Bali Rico is a lyricist, multi-instrumentalist, author and academic. Born in the U.S. to Colombian parents, he and younger brother Kish spent their formative years living in ashrams in the sacred land of Mayapur, West Bengal, learning the traditions and music of ancient India. Bali's mridanga drum playing is fiery, funky and precise, helping to create the group's signature sound. As a hip-hop lyricist, Bali's flow mirrors the intricate rhythm of a born percussionist, with thoughtful prose full of insight, philosophy and personal reflection. His highly anticipated hip-hop album brings together his eclectic musical influences and unique artistic talent.

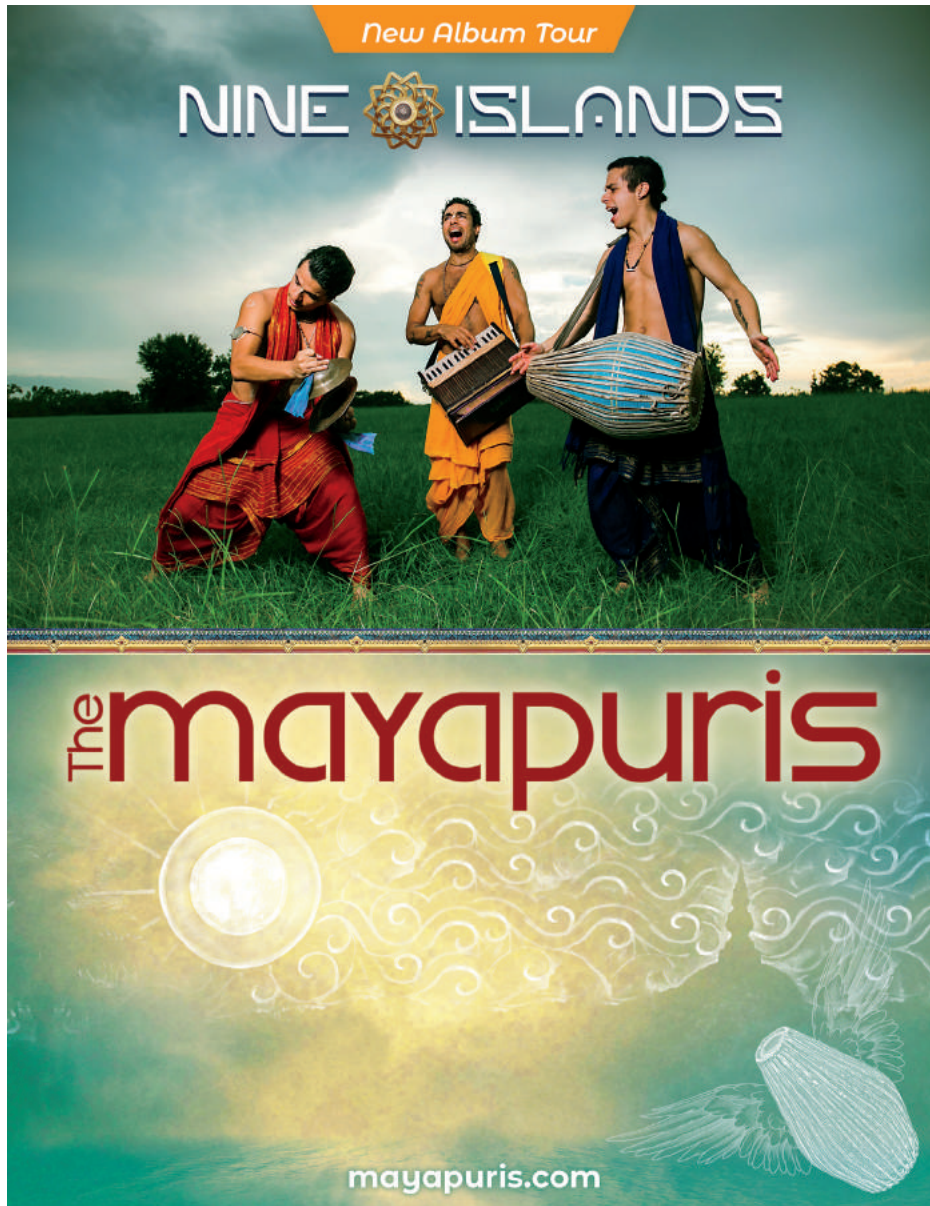




## Kish Rico

**K**ishor is a musical adept, his various talents as a composer and artist enhanced by the depth of his practice. Kishor's flute playing hums with spiritual resonance and a deep devotion to the path. His rhythmic style is distinct and creative, his kirtan is soulful, and he has been the prime engineer manning the helm throughout the "9 islands" recording project. Many facets of the Mayapuris have been crafted by his management and administrative acumen. Kishor is also the head of a non-profit organization meant for sharing the culture of kirtan and bhakti with youth from bhakti centers all around the world.





The Mayapuris 2019 Tour Poster

**Hemp Fest**  
**Omega Ecstatic Chant**  
**IFest Houston**  
**Wanderlust VT**  
**BhaktiFest**  
**Wanderlust Tahoe**  
**Princeton University**  
**Rutgers University**  
**Ford Amphitheatre**  
**Beloved Festival**

## *Notable Performances*

**Jivamukti Yoga**  
**Burning Man**  
**Global Mala**  
**National Cathedral**  
**Ashtanga Temple NYC**  
**London's Troxy Theatre**  
**Chant4Change Washington DC**  
**Hofstra University**

World tours across Europe, Australia, South Africa, India, and North & South America



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# MRIDANGA

THE MUSIC VIDEO



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## Mridanga Music Video

On May 19th, 2011, The Mayapuris released their first music video in collaboration with YogaJournal.com. Within the first 72 hours the video had accumulated over 10,000 views as it spread virally over social media sites.

The music video was directed, filmed and edited by Rasa Acharya and Gaura Vani.

Watch 'Mridanga' on YouTube.

Watch 'The Making of Mridanga' on YouTube.

