

El Kallpa

Originally named Gerardo Rodrigo Olivares Zúñiga, El Kallpa was born in 1982 in the city of Lima, the largest city in PERÚ. El Kallpa is mainly a lyricist, singer and the brains behind the projects he gets involved in. He loves collaborating around the world. He also plays drums and percussion. No matter what instrument he brings to the stage, his most crucial one, he never leaves behind is his “Kallpa”. His strength, force and energy.

His passion manifests in many different modalities, from music, to videography and photography, to mixed medium and some 3D sculpture using different mediums. The bulk of his artistic expression is done with some collaboration between his music and some other modality. *“The most important part of art is wanting a response from the spectator, in music seeing people react to my compositions and lyrics, seeing them sing along or dance is one of the best feelings in the world.” - El Kallpa*

In May of 2020, El Kallpa released his first solo album entitled “*Animal Musical = Musical Animal*”. Seeing his dreams come to fruition has been an incredible journey. He has played venues such as Churchill’s in Miami along with various other local events and festivals. More recently he poured his passion and energy into his latest project called “*Sensory Tribe*” at the Catalyst venue in Santa Cruz.

From 2022 onward, El Kallpa poured his creative energy into **Sensory TRiBE**, a high-vibration reggae-fusion collective rooted in positivity and cultural connection. What began as a local project soon grew into a movement — blending live instrumentation, lyrical consciousness, and community spirit. In May 2025, Sensory TRiBE reached a major milestone performing at **California Roots Festival (CaliRoots 2025)**, sharing the stage with some of the most influential names in modern reggae.

Now, he’s preparing for the next chapter. His forthcoming solo album, **Rasta Nostalgia**, is slated for release by the end of 2025. It promises to fuse roots, reflection, and the sonic stories he’s lived since his first steps back in 2020.

Learn more about El Kallpa at:

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