

# CHICO AND THE GYPSIES ANNOUNCE UK TOUR FOR OCTOBER 2015

CHICO AND THE GYPSIES, legends in their native France and multi-platinum recording artists around the world, have announced they are to tour the UK in October 2015.

Following the success of the band's sold-out show at London's Theatre Royal Drury Lane in November 2014, the seven-date tour will start at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, and includes further dates in Scunthorpe (17<sup>th</sup>), Cambridge (18<sup>th</sup>), Birmingham (20<sup>th</sup>), Guildford (21<sup>st</sup>), Salisbury (22<sup>nd</sup>), and London (23<sup>rd</sup>).

Chico said, "I was so happy to be back in London after being away for twenty five years. The audience were just wonderful; it was a real Fiesta night.

"After the amazing reaction and support, we are all looking forward to touring the UK. It will be exciting for all of us visiting different parts of the U.K. and playing our Fiesta Gypsy Music for all to enjoy."

Chico Bouchikhi – co-founder of The Gipsy Kings and co-writer of their biggest hits (Djobi Djoba, Bamboléo and Soy) – and his band will be touring to support the release of their latest album; FIESTA has already sold 100,000 copies in France where the single, a joyful revival of El Porompompero, the signature song of Spanish singer Manolo Escobar, topped the airplay charts.

Chico has built up a phenomenal worldwide audience of millions of music fans from his native France to Japan via Dubai; the band's infectious brand of rumba, flamenco and Latin pop and rock tunes is joyful, flamboyant and hugely entertaining.

The architect of the Gipsy Kings' success, Chico saw them become the first French group to be awarded a platinum disc in the US and go on to sell an estimated 20 million albums, making them the biggest world music crossover act.

Led by Chico, the line-up comprises Mounin, Joseph, Kema - Manitas de Plata's grandson - Babato, Tané, Kassaka and Rey - a nephew of Manitas de Plata.



## OCTOBER 2015

<b>FRI 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MANCHESTER, Bridgewater Hall</b>	<b>0161 907 9000</b>
<b>SAT 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCUNTHORPE Baths Hall</b>	<b>0844 854 2776</b>
<b>SUN 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CAMBRIDGE Corn Exchange</b>	<b>01223 357 851</b>
<b>TUE 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM Town Hall</b>	<b>0121 345 0602</b>
<b>WED 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>GUILDFORD GLive</b>	<b>0844 770 1797</b>
<b>THU 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>SALISBURY City Hall</b>	<b>01722 434 434</b>
<b>FRI 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>LONDON O2 Shepherds Bush Empire</b>	<b>0844 477 2000</b>

There is a pre-sale via The Ticket Factory from 9.00am on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April (<http://bit.ly/ChicoandTheGypsiesOct2015>), before tickets go on general sale at 9.00am on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

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