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Del Castillo to Rock German Festival Nuevo-Americano group makes European debut at New Orleans Music Festival

Austin's multi-award-winning band of the year, **Del Castillo**, has confirmed performance dates in Europe beginning with a night at the **New Orleans Music Festival** in **Wendelstein, Germany** on May 1. This is the band's second trip to Europe. They will be promoting the release of their new CD **Del Castillo** to the international market.

"We cannot tell you how excited we are to be going to Germany first. This festival is in its 16th year. To be able to introduce ourselves and our music at such a prestigious event is an honor," says founding member **Mark del Castillo**. The event attracts nearly 15,000 fans over nine days with an eclectic selection of rock, jazz, blues, gospel and Cajun zydeco music. Del Castillo will join Austin mate **Patricia Vonne** for the **Great Austin Music Night**.

Concert promoter, **Gerd Huke** explains, "We have two great bands from a special city. We chose Austin because of its very vivid music scene, so we created a night dedicated to it." Huke credits his partner, **Gabriele**, for championing Del Castillo. She'll give them her support next year for more European dates.

Anyone who has seen the band knows that (it's) pure hot-blooded Latin fusion on stage. The **NuevoAmericano** group is famous for their high-energy, multi-lingual live performances and boundary breaking blend of rock, classical flamenco and blues.

Rolling Stone calls DEL CASTILLO *"tumbling brilliance on nylon-string classical guitars" with "eruptions of technique and taste (that) conjure images of **Eddie Van Halen** fronting early **Santana** with an assist from the **Gipsy Kings**."*

Del Castillo was founded by guitarist brothers Mark and **Rick del Castillo** and is fronted by charismatic vocalist **Alex Ruiz**, backed by a rock-hard rhythm section of **Albert Besterio** (bass) and **Mike Zeoli** (drums). Mark and Rick were recently selected by **Gibson Guitar Global** to be two of only six guitarists in the world to launch their new state-of-the-art **Dark Fire Gibson Les Paul** guitar line.

The band has won over 20 Austin music awards including: **Band of the Year, Best Live Act, Best Independent Group and Best Album of the Year, Best World Music Band and Best Latin Rock Band**.

From Germany Del Castillo will continue their European juggernaut with shows in **Austria** on May 3 (TBA) and 4 at **Bluesiana Rock Café** in Valden, and then return to Germany to play **Muhldorf A. Inn** in Bayern. Del Castillo actively tour throughout the US and Canada building audiences and winning rave reviews. They have performed with such diverse acts as **Ozomalti, Willie Nelson, Los Lobos and Don Henley**. Veteran Nancy Fly (Nancy Fly Agency) is the exclusive agent for booking Del Castillo worldwide.

Ramona Simmons and **Preston Sullivan** of **Global Eyes Entertainment** are coordinating and managing all artist development activities for Del Castillo's international touring.

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