

# Poción de Fe – New Scottish Latin/Afrobeat band – single release and tour



**Poción de Fe** is a new seven-piece band brewing a spicy mix of Afrobeat, Caribbean rhythms, Cuban salsa, and African mambo. Original songs, with tight funky grooves and irresistible horn licks, feature Spanish lyrics which blend the Afrobeat tradition of social and political consciousness with Cuban-style wordplay.

Based in Edinburgh, and founded in June 2014 by Colombian-American singer/guitarist **Felipe Schrieberg**, the band is an exhilarating mix of Scottish and international musicians, drawn from popular and respected bands including the Katet, Orkestra del Sol and the Horndog Brass Band. Members include Italian drummer Davide Rinaldi, American bassist Jarad Gatton, Orcadian saxophonist Tom Pickles, Edinburgh trombonist Matthew Hawke, guitarist Jed Potts and percussionist Simon Gibb.

Schrieberg is a Colombian-American living in Scotland, with a background in American blues music. He is a veteran of the Edinburgh music scene, known for high energy performances with his band the Blueswater. He is the producer behind a number of successful Edinburgh Fringe music shows, including the award-winning BLUES! Outside his musical activities, Felipe is passionate about Scotch whisky, having completed his master's thesis about sustainable Scotch whisky distillation on Islay. Poción de Fe was developed to explore his Latin roots, with songs he writes and sings in Spanish.

Schrieberg explains the ethos behind his new band:

*"I knew I wanted to sing in Spanish and create a blend of Afrobeat and Latin funk, and fortunately the guys were happy and excited to jump aboard. They are phenomenal musicians who have taken the project in exciting directions"*

Poción de Fe debuted their unique sound at the 2014 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the award-winning venue The Jazz Bar. They have also been recording and touring, including an appearance at the London International Arts Festival. A short tour in Mar/Apr 2015 sees them travelling almost the length of the UK from London to Inverness via Oxford, Leeds, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aviemore.

Poción de Fe **release their first single on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Al Infierno b/w La Vibora** - a taster from their forthcoming album. **Al Infierno** is an upbeat song which calls out all those who engage in various geopolitical and societal misdeeds. The chorus '*Al infierno contigo*' means '*To hell with you*'. **La Vibora** is inspired by Dominican bachata music, using the basic rhythm while not quite following the usual instrumental conventions of the genre. It speaks of "*the viper of austerity*" that hides in the grass of society and eats the most vulnerable people, the vocal woven through a seductive sinuous groove.

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## LISTINGS

<b>Fri 6 Mar</b>	The Jazz Bar, <b>Edinburgh</b>
<b>Fri 13 Mar</b>	Bossaphonik, <b>Oxford</b>
<b>Sat 14 Mar</b>	Jamboree, <b>London</b>
<b>Sun 15 Mar</b>	HiFi Club, <b>Leeds</b>
<b>Fri 17 Apr</b>	Mad Hatter's, <b>Inverness</b>
<b>Sat 18 Apr</b>	Old Bridge Inn, <b>Aviemore</b>
<b>Sun 19 Apr</b>	The Glad Café, <b>Glasgow</b>



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