Band Interview: Andy Vargas

Editor's Note: Nicole, a student at University of California Los Angeles, began working for Santana Management as an intern in her Senior year of high school and has continued as a part time employee during school breaks.

NL: Where did you grow up?

AV: I grew up in Watsonville, a town near Santa Cruz in the Monterey Bay area of California.

NL Did you receive any formal training or did you develop your talent mainly through exposure to music?

AV: Ever since I can remember, my father played the guitar and sang to me. I was always surrounded by music. As I grew up, we went through training. I also sang in his mariachi band for six years.

NL: Besides your father, who were your influences and mentors?

AV: When Michael Jackson came out with *Thriller* I was blown away. As I started falling into music, my influences were singers like Vincente Fernandez, a mariachi singer; Javier Solis, a bolero (a Spanish romantic ballad singer); Stevie Wonder; and Marvin Gaye. A lot of R&B and soul musicians.

NL: What was it about these musicians that attracted you to their singing?

AV: Yeah, their singing, playing, and production. These guys are musicians that feel all of music, not just maybe one aspect of it.

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NL: Do you play any instruments?

AV: I play the keyboard. My father taught me how to play the guitar, but I stopped playing it until recently. I picked it up again, but hearing Carlos every day, I have a ways to go. But I play and write music on the piano.

NL: When and how did you decide to dedicate yourself

Dave Rob Vargas Dave Crockett Thomas Matthews

Taking a break from taping the Supernatural TV Show.

songs. I would go with two cassette players and whatever I could put together from cassettes and old records. And then I kept going with it, I DJ'd in Santa Barbara and the Bay Area with my tables and equipment. I did weddings and stuff and I think that that's what got me really interested in all types of music.

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 ${f NL}$: Who do you think is a musical figure that represents our generation? Why?

AV: Carlos. He brings his music with a message and he is true to what he says. When I hear things, I hear a groove.

an attitude, a vibe, and I take the songs for what they are, but when I put the artists together with the songs, a lot of people contradict themselves. Looking at the two together makes it a whole new thing and Carlos took it there for me.

think is important for you to contribute to the band as its youngest member? **AV:** As any member should, it's heart.

That's all you want to

NL: What do you

the Supernatural TV Show.

Practice sessions, shows, it's always 500%. A new energy, I want to see the crowd up and dancing, I want to jump down to the ground and dance with them. I want to bring

down to the ground and dance with them. I want to bring into the band what Carlos already has, but with the spirit of youth.

NL: How has singing with Santana changed your future goals?

AV: It's changed my perspective of my goals and how I'd like to achieve them. Watching Carlos win and succeed as he has while staying who he is has been the biggest lesson for me. He has such high expectations that I'm always striving to do my best. So, now I don't want to do anything with anyone if it's not my best and if my soul isn't involved. Before, I wanted to work, but now it's much more about spiritual time because you share your soul with the other musicians. So I want to be able to go in with as much love and happiness as possible and that takes clearing up your life too. They've (the band members) given me insight that I am so comfortable with -there's no reason to look down, you can look up into the light. Light has a shadow and it's your decision where you want to be.

NL: You mentioned that Carlos has high expectations. Has that changed the expectations you have of other musicians that you might work with in the future?

AV: Definitely. I'm going to expect a lot more. I expect a lot of heart. When I came to Carlos I said, "Here I am. What do you want me to do?" He said, "I just want your heart." It's also raised my expectations of myself as a human being and as a

to singing?

AV: Ever since I can remember it's always what I wanted to do. I've always wanted to perform and sing. It was almost like walking for me. We went through training and practice to get the most out of my voice, but first I had to hear the pitch. And my father gave me that by singing to me all of the time. Then I saw Michael Jackson on the Motown 25th Anniversary, and I knew that I wanted to move the audience like that. So I put on little shows for my family and it became natural. I used to do talent shows at school and after I got over the fear of singing in front of my peers and friends, then I respected it. NL: Were you involved in a school choir or band?

AV: Yes, I sang in choir. My dad used to teach guitar and voice at a church. It was a band that a Father organized for the whole community. People could go in and learn and study music and if they wanted to, they could join the band. It was called the Penny Club and it was run in the summers so it kept kids from getting into trouble and gave them an opportunity for activities. So I was there with my dad all of the time.

NL: What contemporary artists influence your musical style?

AV: There are so many people I listen to: Babyface, Ozomatli, Carlos Santana, Bob Marley, and Luis Miguel. When I saw Luis Miguel's show I seriously knew that that was what I wanted to do-to be a part of a show of that magnitude. I like the Dave Matthews Band, a lot of hiphop artists, a lot of jazz music like Miles Davis and John Coltrane. I was a DJ, so I focus on a lot of move-oriented stuff.

NL: How did you get into DJing?

AV: My dad had a big sound system with his mariachi band. So, when my friends would have parties, I would be the one with all of the

more conversation with Andy Vargas ...

NL: Is the range of different songs from the new album a chal-

AV: Yes, but it was more of a challenge to become okay with

NL: How did you come to audition for the band? What was it like? AV: I've been working in the music business for a while. I started started grooving.

NL: You weren't nervous?

AV: Well, a little bit, but I've grown up around musicians my whole

NL: Describe your first show with the band.

AV: It was very gool because it was in Santa Barbara and my son ach, but after the first song I got lost in the whole thing. The chal-

NL: How do you feel about the travel opportunities you now

AV: They're amazing opportunities and I'm definitely learning you manage your time. Every show has to be 500%, so rest is num-

NL: What country are you looking forward to touring the most? AV: To be honest, going back to Mexico, I felt a real, deep connec-

NL: What kind of music can we expect to hear on your debut

AV: A blend of R&B, salsa, congas - a lot of dance beats and Green, and Malo. I take Malo's concepts and give it an R&B, urban twist. I want everyone to party-good energy and good messages NL: Are the songs you write primarily instrumental or do most

AV: Definitely lyrical. I've been able to produce a song or two, with how things turned out.

NL: Is there an overall message you try to get across in your lyrics AV: Love, pain, and happiness. Every song is a story. I'm a kind of fil ter and the creativeness comes from above. I want people to be able to wash the dishes and get happy when they hear the exciting songs because I want people to listen to my time and effort and he excited about it like I am

NL: What do you do with your time when you're not on tour with

AV: I spend time with my son. The fact that he lives so far away i

NL: Besides music, do you have any other ambitions or interests: AV: I'd like to go back to school. There isn't anything specific that

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Band members posing with plaques for 4 million in sales in Europe!



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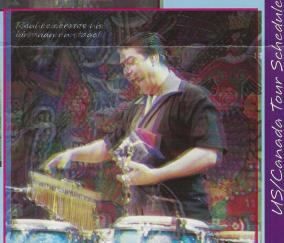
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Santana VHS was released in Australia, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Scandanavia and the UK on June 19th. (Videocassette has the full show, not the TV version.)

The DVD (with the full show plus additional Santana footage Scandanavia, France and the UK on September 25th.

We don't have any exact air dates but the following stations have the right to air the program in the next few months in the Brunei, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Broadcasting; SVT - Sveriges Television AB; HBO Latin America (including) Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina; Canal +(including)

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Part I

Thu Jul 20 West Palm Beach FL Coral Sky Pavilion Fri Jul 21 Tampa FL Sat Jul 22

Atlanta GA Lakewood Amph Sun Jul 23 Charlotte NC Blockbuster Pavilion

Raleigh, NC Walnut Creek Amph Wed Jul 26

Virginia Beach VA GTE Virginia Beach Amph Fri Jul 28 Washington DC

Nissan Pavilion Sat/Sun Jul 29-30 New York NY Jones Beach Amph Tue/Wed Aug 1-2 Boston MA Tweeter Center

Philadelphia PA E-Center Holmdel NJ

PNC Bank Arts Center Sun Aug 6 Hartford CT Meadows Music Theatre

Tue Aug 8
Montreal Que Toronto Ont

Molson Amph Cleveland OH Blossom Music Center Sat Aug 12

Cincinnati OH Riverbend Amph Sun/Mon Aug 13-14 Detroit MI Pittsburgh Pa

Starlake Amph Milwaukee WI Marcus Amph Sat Aug 19 Chicago IL

World Music Theatre Sun Aug 20 Indianapolis IN Deer Creek Amph Tue Aug 22 Minneapolis MN Target Center

Macy Gray will be opening for **www.santana.com** the band in the US/Canada except shows with an (*) will be opened by Everlast.

Part 2

Thu Sep 28 Denver CO Pepsi Center Sat Sep 30 Kansas City KS

Sandstone Amph Sun Oct 1 St. Louis MO Riverport Amph

Tue Oct 3 New Orleans LA Dallas TX

Starplex Amph Houston TX Woodlands Pavilion

San Antonio TX Alamodome Tue Oct 10

Albuquerque NM Mesa Del Sol Fri Oct 13 Phoenix AZ

Desert Sky Pavilion Sat Oct 14 San Diego CA Coors Amph

Sun Oct 15 Irvine CA Irvine Meadows Amph Tue/Wed Oct 17-18

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Mountain View CA Sacramento CA

Portland OR

Rose Garden Wed Oct 25 Seattle WA Tacoma Dome Vancouver BC

of the US/Canada tour.

Please note that all dates are subject to change. Checl our website often for the latest on confirmed Santana concert dates www.santana.com/On Tour.

We are thrilled to tell you that the Milagro Foundation has funded 52 grants between October 1998 and June of 2000. For every concert ticket sold in the United States, \$.25-\$50 goes to the Milagro Foundation. Many of you have also made personal donations to Milagro. Because of you, our generous and supportive fans, we have been able to give \$400,000 to non-profit agencies working with children and youth around the country and the world. Here is a list of our grants by state and country. We thank you so much for your donations and support! Your oneness with Milagro's mission has enabled us to spread light and love across the world. Shelley Brown, Milagro Foundation Program Officer

COLORADO
Clinica Tepeyac
Denver
E-Nuestros Milagro Youth Group
training for outreach,
peer educators & mentors.
\$5,000.00 Apr-00

Excelsior Youth Center A-A steel Pan Band for girls 12-18, who by court order are residents of a-rehabilitation center.
\$3,000.00 Apr-00

The Spot Music Studio ATE-Funds music studio Denver
ATE-Funds music studio assistant for an urban nighttime youth center founded in 1994 by gang leaders, homeless youth and graffiti artists for youth 'at risk. \$7,500.00 Jun-00

Fort Collins Public Library Fort Collins Purchase of Spanish books and materials to increase and improve collection

\$7,500.00 Oct-99

Harbor Conservatory Arvada E- To support their Mentor Programs for at-risk children and youth. S5,000.00 Apr-00

Neighborhoods United Fort Collins Coordinates agencies and community to support at risk youth \$2,620.00 Oct-99

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Bahia Vista School Program San Rafael E-Outdoor Education Scholarship S10,000.00 Mar-99

Bay Area Community San Rafael E-SRHS-support and expand after school tutorial program. 5,000.00 Jun-00

Bread and Roses Corte Madera A-To assist with their outreach program with live performances for sick, handicapped and disadvantaged youth. \$7,500.00 Apr-00

Canal Child Care San Rafael
E- Educational program for low
income children, ages 3-8, from
predominantly immigrant families
\$10,000.00 Oct-99

Columbia Park Boys & Girls Club San Francisco
A- Program to develop creative
expression through music.
\$7500.00 Oct-98

Compass Community Services
San Francisco
E- For the Tenderloin Childcare
Center to support their daycare
program for low-income and homeless
families.

\$2.000.00 Apr-00

E-Sierra Adventures is a series of Saturday outdoor nature trips for middle school students identified as 'at risk' Community Action for Drug-Free Youth

\$5,400.00 Jun-00

Hawes School Family Guitar Class Redwood City A-To purchase guitars for after chool guitar class for low income children.

\$10,000.00 Oct-98

John Muir & Hawes School
Family Guitar Class
Redwood City
A-To purchase guitars for both after
school guitar programs for low income
children.

\$5,675.00 Oct-99

Crockett Center
Crockett
H- Home for 6 SED young children
suffering from severe abuse-another residence. \$2,500.00 Jun-00

Hisp<mark>anic Education & Media Group, Inc Sausalito E-Support for program [°]Cada Cabeza Es Un Mundo[°] for at risk Hispanic</mark>

children

\$30,000.00 Oct-98

Hispanic Education & Media Group, Inc Sausalito E-Support for program "Cada Cabeza Es Un Mundo" for at risk Hispanic children

\$7,500,00 Oct-99

La Clinica de la Raza San Antonio Neighborhood
Health Center
Alameda County, Oakvale
H-Funds to help purchase a new
ultrasound machine for prenatal care
for clinic serving low income women of Alameda County. \$3,000.00 Jun-00

Library Foundation San Francisco E-Expansion and improvement of the Spanish language collection of the Mission Library. \$15,000.00 Mar-99

Loco Bloco San Francisco Development of theater component: launching Hip-Hop workshop for students, 9-13 years of age. \$10,000.00 Jun-99

Mission Cultural Center San Francisco A/E-Supports artists fees and materials for the Multicultural Arts Summer School serving children in the Mission district of San Francisco. \$5,000.00 Jun-00

Marin Literacy Program San Rafael E-Provides literacy training program for parents and their children through the San Rafael Public Library. \$6,000.00 Oct-99

Mission Learning Center San Francisco E-To support homes that nurture the intellectual and social development of children.

\$10,000,00 Nov-98

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\$10,000.00 Apr-00

Music In Schools Today San Francisco
E-Support anti-violence initiative that supports band programs for at risk youth at Full Circle Family Treatment Centers in Dogtown.

56,000.00 Nov-98

Music In Schools Today
San Francisco
A-To bring artists into 10 inner city
schools for classroom work comparing/
contrasting contemporary culture of
students w/ four cultures from around
the world.

\$4,000.00 Jun-00

Placer County Office of Education Placer

Placer
Provides educational services to youth
who have been incarcerated in juvenile
hall, currently are on probation and/or
expelled from public schools. Project
HARP is blues musical instruction with
harmonic many control of the province of the provinc harmonicas. \$1,000.00 Oct-99

Rodalla Alisal Salinas A-To purchase mandolins for their ensemble

\$2500.00 Oct-99

San Pedro School San Rafael E-Outdoor Education Scholarship Program \$10.000,00 Oct-98

School of the Arts (SOTA)

San Francisco
Four year public high school that
provides students w/variety of
educational opportunities in the arts.
\$4,700.00 Oct-99

Sunburst Project Rohnert Park
H-For Camp Sunburst to assist with
their residential camp for HIV/AIDS
infected children and their families.
\$5,000.00 Apr-00

Windsor Middle School Windsor Development of after school program of Brazilian style drum and dance ensemble

\$5,000.00 Oct-99

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Bienvenidos Children's Center
Altadena
E-To assist in sending 'at-risk' children
to summer camp for one week
\$5,000.00 Apr-00

Families-Costa Mesa Costa Mesa E-A mentoring program for low-income, high risk youth, \$2,500.00 Jun-00

Family Health Centers
San Diego
Provides comprehensive affordable
healthcare to low income families.
Funding specifically for fetal heart
monitor.

\$6.638.00 Mar-99

Volunteers of America
Hollywood
E-Supports the Residential Summer
component of Upward Bound Project
in the North Hollywood barrio. It provides academic support services to
assist high school students to complete
their education and go on to college.
\$5,000.00 Jun-00

ILLINOIS

Blue Gargoyle Chicago E- To support their family learning project for teen parents, infants & toddlers and to include a music program.

\$5,000.00 Apr-00

Children's First Fund Jose Clemente Orozco Academy Chicago A'E-For the Jose Clemente Orozco Academy to support their music center lab and new Mariachi Band. S10,000.00 Apr-00

FLORIDA

Boys & Girls Club of Okaloosa County, Inc.
Ft Walton Beach
A/E-Funds to purchase 30 guitars
for an after school Music Club on the school campus. \$2,550.00 Jun-00

NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK
Cranhury Arts Council NEW JERSEV/NEW YORK Cranbury Arts Council Cranbury A/E- An arts and education program for youth shelters across the state. \$5,000.00 Apr-00

ARIZONA

World Care Tucson E-Provide school supplies to disadvantaged children. \$2,000.00 Apr-00

OREGON
Saturday Academy
Portland
E-Provides educational outreach
through workshops in math and science
to Latinos. African Americans and
American Indian youth by Math and
Science professionals of color.
\$6,000.00 Jun-00

TENNESSEE
Kids to the Country Summertown
Provides at risk children, ages 6-12, an
opportunity to build positive sense of
community during summer camp,
55,000.00 Dec-98

INTERNATIONAL
Dikembe Mutombo Foundation
Democratic Rep. of the Congo
Founded by Atlantic Hawks basketball
player, Dikembe Mutombo, this foundation was established to build a hospital
in Kinshasa
\$5,000.00 Oct-99

Doctors Without Borders Mexico
Specific funding for the flood victims
in Mexico, to assist with medical,
housing and burial needs
\$50,000.00 Nov-99

Organization to Support Albania's Abandoned Babies (OSAAB) Tirana, Albania Provide support to abandoned babies in the form of supplies and medical care while they remain in the maternity hos-pital in Tirana, Albania \$10,000.00 Oct-99

Adaneo Mexico H- To assist with updating laboratory in the pediatric hospital, Santa Maria. \$5,000.00 Apr-00

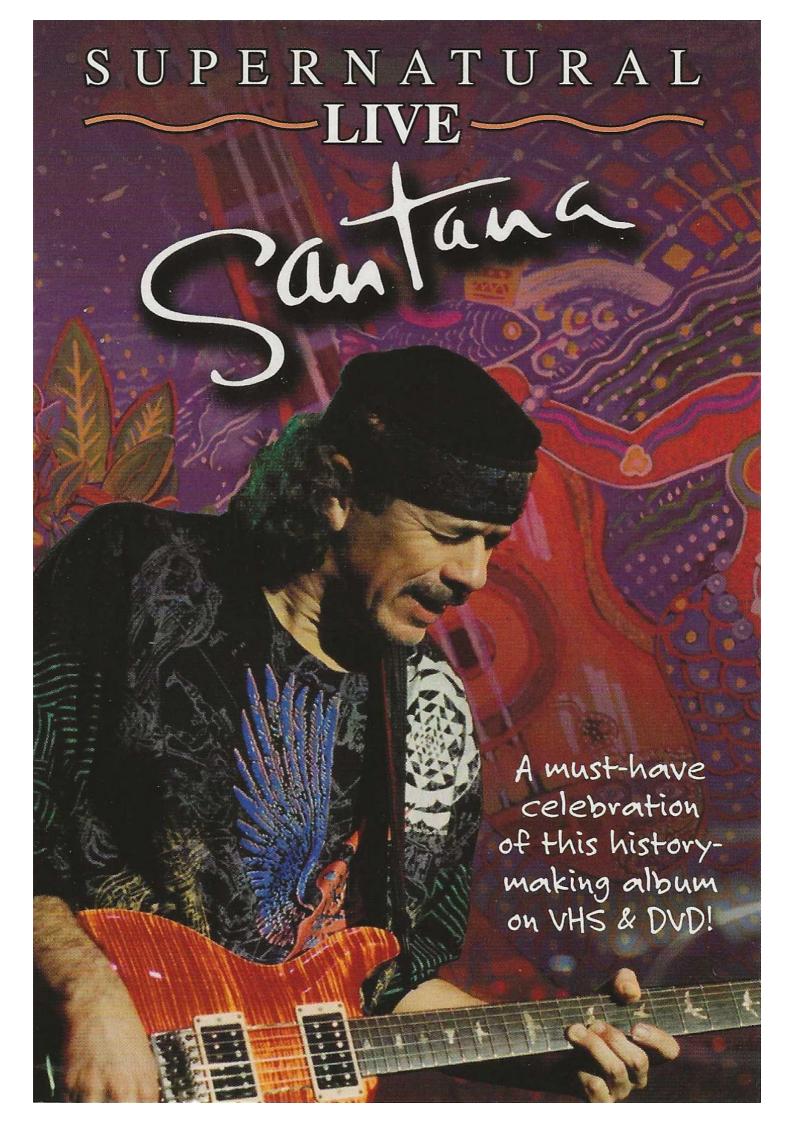
Centro Mujeres Sur Mexico Baja California H-Project Copado is a teen pregnancy prevention project \$5,000.00 Jun-00

Light For All Corp. (LIFA)
Haiti
E-Grass roots organization providing
funds for teacher salaries for small
school in rural Haiti \$5,000.00 Jun-00

M.E.D.I.C.O. Honduras H-Funds for the purchase of medicines for children under 6 years old in Honduras to be distributed during vol-unteer medical, eye and dental missions. \$5,000.00 Jun-00

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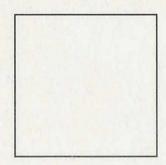
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