

# Matt Bianco

Matt Bianco presents jazz-flavoured, Latin-inspired Sophisti-pop at its very best! Mark Reilly and Mark Fisher are heading for an extensive European tour in 2011!



## Line-up

Mark Reilly - vocals

Mark Fisher - keyboard

On Stage: 5

Travel Party: 6

## Website

[www.mattbianco.com](http://www.mattbianco.com)

## Biography

Matt Bianco is a UK pop group formed by the late Kito Poncioni (bass), Mark Reilly (vocals) and Danny White (keyboards) in 1982, all originally members of the band Blue Rondo A La Turk. For their first album "Whose Side Are You On?" they hired unknown polish vocalist Basia Trzetrzelewska. Her vocal arrangements gave the album a jazzy dimension that Reilly and White couldn't anticipate, and hits like "Get Out of Your Lazy Bed" and "Half a Minute" turned Matt Bianco into one of the biggest acts of 1984's Europe. The band name suggests that Matt Bianco is a personal name, but Matt is "a made up spy, a secret agent; we loved spy TV themes and film scores." Basia and Danny White left the group after the first album to pursue a lucrative solo-career with Sony under the name Basia. Mark Reilly, now without a musical partner, found keyboard player and session musician Mark Fisher and recorded the next (self titled) Matt Bianco album, followed by a European tour that saw them perform in front of more than 250,000 people. Now Matt Bianco was a household name in Europe and Warner Brothers thought it was time to get them into the U.S. market. They hired Gloria Estefan's husband and producer Emilio Estefan and recorded Indigo, with the singles. "Don't Blame It On That Girl" and "Good Times", released in 1988. Another song, "Wap Bam-Boogie," became European dance single of the year. After another album with Warner Brothers - "Samba In Your Casa" (1991), Reilly and Fisher split from their record company and went freelance: From now on they would record their albums in their own studios and then offer them to independent distributors worldwide. This way, they had total artistic freedom but still scored contracts with ZYX Music and Intercord in Europe, and JVC-Victor in Asia. They created a loyal fan base in Japan and the rest of Asia and the albums "Another Time Another Place," "Gran Via", "World-Go-Round", "A/Collection", "Rico" and "Echoes" were very successful. After

twenty years recording and touring Mark Fisher started to crave for a different lifestyle and the two split amicably. Basia and Danny White joined with Mark Reilly to reform the original Matt Bianco in 2003, after 20 years apart. In 2004, Matt Bianco released the album "Matt's Mood". The following year, they embarked on a world tour, which included stops in the UK, Japan, and the United States. In 2009, Mark Reilly and Mark Fisher joined forces yet again and released a new album, entitled " HiFi Bossanova ", their first studio album together in 7 years. They continue to perform at concerts and jazz festivals around the world and a 'Best Of' album is planned for release in Europe in summer 2010.

### Discography

1984 Whose Side Are You On? - Atlantic

1986 Matt Bianco - WEA International

1988 Indigo - Atlantic

1991 Samba In Your Casa - Warner Music

1993 Yeah Yeah - Alex

1994 Another Time Another Place - JVC Compact Discs

1995 Gran Via - Rti Music/five Records

1998 World Go Round - JVC Compact Discs

2002 Echoes - Japanese Import

2004 Matt's Mood - Decca

2006 Wap Bam Boogie - JVC Victor

2006 Rico - Victor Records

2009 HiFi Bossanova - Ear

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