

Ricmon Studios, Ricmon Productions LLC

Rico Monaco Credits

Rico has led his band to shows around the world with national acts and as a headliner. You can find many more credits on the band website at:

www.ricomonaco.com & the [Rico Monaco Band YouTube Channel](#)

Historical Credits:

Barry White's manager Tony Sepe signed an independent deal with Rico and his band Warning in 1984. Barry White was a world famous R & B music star with #1 songs and #1 albums, tours to his credit. Tony brought the band to LA and recorded them at Devonshire Studios in North Hollywood, CA. Rico met many world class studio musicians and producers on this trip including **Barry White, Jermaine Jackson, Crystal Gayle, Pia Zadora, producer Michael Masters, Paul Jackson, Dan Huff**, etc.

Paul Leka-Producer, Connecticut Recording Studios, Paul produced 17 Gold or Platinum records and 3 Number One songs (was a writer on two of those songs). Rico worked with Paul for 13 years (1987-2000) in his studio, recorded many tracks at Paul's studio, released an 11 song album recorded at his studio, had many in depth conversations about music, recording techniques, and soaked up every story, bit of knowledge from this highly successful producer.

George Spatta-Producer/Engineer. Rico produced the career changing 13 song album "Rico Monaco & Sol Sons" in 2001 with George at P.A.R.C Studios in Altamonte Florida. They spent nearly 40 days straight together 8 to 16 hours a day making this album. The album helped the band win Song Of The Year for "Tell Me", receive major airplay in Central Florida with the song "Elena Mi Carino," Album of the Year, Band of the Year, Live Act of the Year, and the Hard Rock Cafe/Cabo Wabo Tequila National Battle of The Bands. George has worked on recordings by Eric Clapton, Keith Richards, Brittany Spears, Marc Anthony, too many to list here, and worked at the Hit Factory in NYC. Rico continues to work with George on RMB's releases and he is available to help on any artists' recordings that Rico is producing.

Sammy Hagar-Rock-N-Roll Hall of Famer, Legendary multi-platinum Rock Star Vocalist, Guitarist, Songwriter for his work with Van Halen, Solo bands, SH & The Circle, Chickenfoot, etc. entrepreneur of world famous liquor brands, Cabo Wabo Cantina. Rico met Sammy by winning the Hard Rock Cafe/Cabo Wabo Tequila National Battle of the Bands, has performed with him onstage in Cabo and RMB has opened numerous shows for him throughout Florida, Rico has been invited to perform with Sammy in Chicago, Minneapolis, and spent time at shows with him in many different locations.

Check the first performance with Sammy onstage in Cabo: Rico and the band were only supposed to "open" the show for Sammy and Smashmouth for a couple nights but Rico immediately asked Sammy to join his band onstage to sing a couple songs and the rest is history because the band ROCKED the Cantina and Sammy was inspired after the performance here:

[Sammy Hagar Black-N-Blue with Rico Monaco in Cabo](#)

Behind the scenes with Sammy Hagar, when Sammy first met Rico and the band backstage, watch Rico ask Sammy to join the band onstage only 2 minutes after first meeting each other. This was not easy to do but when you have the opportunity, you must take it, BUT you must be prepared when the opportunity knocks on your door. Rico & The Band was ready.

[Sammy Hagar meets Rico Monaco in Cabo](#)

Experience:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 40 plus years experience as a guitarist, producer, song-writer, band leader, private instructor
- world-wide performer, opened shows for and performed onstage with national artists
- writer and producer of hundreds of original songs
- published/distributed artist by CdA Music Group, Miami FL
- writer and producer of Passion Theory RM Guitar Method; has sold in 11 countries
- owner of Ricmon Productions, Inc. (private studio with production services)
- leader of bands as large as 17 pieces

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Ricmon Productions, Inc. (1994-present) – hundreds of guitar students from beginner to advanced levels, all ages from preschool to senior citizens
- Montessori School of Celebration (2014-present) – weekly individual lessons
- Discount Music Center (Orlando FL) and Schumacher Music (Stuart FL) (1994-2001)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- National Battle of the Bands Winner (2002) sponsored by Hard Rock Café and Cabo Wabo Tequila
- Latin Act of the Year (2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013) “Best of Orlando” awards sponsored by Orlando Weekly magazine
- Musician of the Year, Song of the Year, CD of the Year, Band of the Year (2002) “Jazz in Orlando” awards
- signed artist – Gibson Guitars (2008-2015) & Paul Reed Smith Guitars (2015-present)

REFERENCES

- personal and professional references available upon request

Quotes from music industry Pros:

Rico Monaco & his band are serious musicians who won a National Battle Of The Bands sponsored by Cabo Wabo & Hard rock Café. I personally chose them & have had the pleasure of jamming with Rico on many occasions at the Cabo Wabo Cantina. From Van Halen to Santana Rico Rocks! -Sammy Hagar

“Rico Monaco is a consummate musician of the highest standards. He’s a monster onstage. To be blunt, he is a gentleman and a music scholar.” ~ Michael Waggoner, Gibson Guitar Corporation

“There is no doubt that musician Rico Monaco is Central Florida’s best-kept secret in the Central Florida. He is perhaps the best kept secret in the music industry. –Jen Coffman