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A NEW 'KID ON THE BLOCK' IS THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE SCENE.

We're fortunate to have a number of talented male singing acts working the entertainment circuit in Tenerife, but they're sure to have some competition in the future, for there's a new 'kid on the block' in the latest addition to the scene.

Sam Sorono who arrived on the island some three months ago, is no 'kid' though, for the newcomer has been in showbiz for many years, gaining invaluable experience along the way, and it shows in his act.

Sam was born in the Philippines and started singing at the age of seven. By the time he was 16 he had moved to Japan along with a band he was singing with at the time. Further contracts took him to Thailand, Hong Kong, and cities throughout Europe. A man of many talents, he had taken up martial arts and is the holder of a black belt in the art.

This obviously helped when he got parts in a number of films whilst in Hong Kong. One or two of the films starred the famous actor Bruce Lee, and one of the films he was involved in was the acclaimed *Dragon Force*.

The martial art expert has spent a large part of his life in England where, besides his singing career, he was also a teaching instructor in martial arts. Now we have



You won't be disappointed with Sam Sorono's performance

him here in Tenerife where he's a very welcome addition to the local entertainment circuit. I've watched him performing his act on two occasions recently, the first time at the Brahms and Liszt showbar in Playa de las Américas, on a night when there were a number of parties celebrating and they

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were in a dancing mood, so Sam gave them what they wanted, with plenty of up-tempo numbers including *Proud Mary*, the Four Tops' hit *Loco in Acapulco*, Sam and Dave's classic *Soul Man* and *Mustang Sally*. This was followed by an excellent medley of The Platters' biggest hits, *Only You*, *Harbour Lights*, *It's Twilight Time*, *Great Pretender*, *My Prayer* and *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*. All excellent stuff, likewise his Drifters medley which included the old favourites *Kissing in the Back Row*, *Saturday Night At The Movies* and *Come On Over To My Place*.

However, Sam really showed his vocal versatility the second time I heard him, which was at Dreamers show bar in Los Cristianos when he featured many songs in a different vein, proving that he could integrate a number of styles into the same act through impressive presentation and his flexible voice.

This time he included many big ballads in his act, using dramatic gestures to underline the lyrics, which were very effective. He thrilled the audience with numbers like *The Impossible Dream* from the musical *The Man from La Mancha*, Joe Longthorne's *It Was Almost Like a Song* and *My Mother's Eyes*, David Alexander's *Working Man* and *Answer to Everything*, and his closing number *Nessun Dorma*. If you like a very presentable, big

musical-range vocalist, with a voice that's unusual, Sam Sorono's your man. He's a bit special, and if you haven't caught up with him yet, do so, for I'm sure you

won't be disappointed.

You can see him at Brahms and Liszt showbar at 11pm on Mondays or Dreamers showbar at 11pm on Tuesdays.

The Sunny Lizards

The Boys are Back in Town!

□ By Dannii Wallace



Long awaited return for The Lizard Kings

▲ After two years break, the absolutely stunning Lizard Kings have finally returned to entertain the masses in Tenerife once again.

The boys have had thousands of fans throughout their time together and when Mark 'Ozzy' Verdenik, Wim Maertens and Brané Beslin split-up back in 2006 the final performance on January 10th was an emotional one for all, fans and band alike.

Now, Ozzy, on guitar and lead vocals, and Wim, on drums and backing vocal, are back as The Lizard Kings with a new bass player, a Hungarian, who goes by the name of Bordás Gábor. During the two year break Ozzy was in the UK doing gigs and pursuing a small acting career. He was cast in a Dustin Hoffman movie and also in the Channel 4 series *City of Ice*. Wim spent some time working in Lanzarote in a band; he also travelled around Europe and, as always, worked on his own music and song writing. Brané left the band and entered the "real world" by becoming a receptionist, a career which he continues to embrace. Brané's replacement, Bordás, is an equally talented bass player and in addition, he and his girlfriend offer energy healing treatments similar to Reiki. If you are interested in alternative healing, be sure to ask him about it at one of his gigs and he will be pleased to tell you more.

The Lizard Kings will be playing regularly at the Terrace Bar, Amarilla Golf, on Sunday's from 3 pm to 6 pm. This is where their first gig since reforming was played and it certainly was an awesome afternoon, with great songs such as *Mr Brightside*, *The Killers*, *Weather With You* and *Crowded House* on the playlist.

The Lizard Kings are looking for some more gigs, so if you would like to book this fantastic three-piece band, contact Ozzy on: 608359310.

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