

Oficina G3 – The Major Christian Rock Band From Brazil



Oficina G3 is a christian rock band from Sao Paolo, Brazil. Lead vocalist and guitarist Juninho Afram has formed the band along with drummer Walter Lopes and bassist Wagner García in 1987. Through their history they have changed their musical style very drastically. Initially they were a hard rock band with influences from Petra and Stryper, then they changed to a more pop rock and nu metal oriented genre, and recently changing to a more progressive metal driven musical style.

Their current line-up is formed by Juninho Afram on guitar, Jean Carllos on keyboards and backing vocals, Duca Tambasco on bass and Mauro Henrique on vocal. The trio is renowned for their skills and both Afram and Tambasco are part of Tagima's so called Dream Team. Juninho Afram is considered one of the best guitarists of his country, being frequently compared to Kiko Loureiro (Angra) and Edu Ardanuy (Dr. Sin) and other worldwide renowed guitarists. Juninho reach top magazine covers like *Guitar Player* (being one of the most selling editions of the mag (October/2008). Duca Tambasco (bass) is the first christian musician to have an instrument in the signature series of the Tagima company. The keyboard player Jean Carllos is supported by the international mark Kurzweill.

The band is regarded in Brazil as one of the pioneers of Christian rock in that country, and one of the bands which most contributed to the progress of that musical genre, when it was considered as inadequate by many christian leaders. With almost 1 million cd sold, shows for more than 500.000 thousand people (in a hudge event in Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro and in a "March For Jesus", in Sao Paolo). G3 is the one christian band that play in Rock In Rio 2001, a worldwide event, in front a more than 200.000 people.

Oficina G3 has 22 years on road, with 10 released albums and 7 records of gold. Making extensive tours for all the country the entire year, beyond some international tours among the Europe, Latin America and United States, the band has met considerable success, being nominated to Latin Grammy Awards three times, in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Your most recent album, "After The War", marking the debut of the new singer, Mauro Henrique. This CD reach the top selling charts of the christian music in Brazil, stay in the #1 position along more than 6 months and reach the golden record certified. The third nominee for Latin Grammy come with him. The band also have a positive article in the Veja magazine, the largest mag in the country, with more 1 million copies per edition.

"After The War" also being origin to a DVD called "DDG Experience". Record in Usina Santa Barbara, a place that reproduce the "war atmosphere" of the album, with 10 cameras in 35 mm digital high-definition and ultimate surround sound, the DVD is now at post production.

Living the top moment of your career, the group keep making shows around the Brazil and have plans to other tours around the USA and Europe.



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