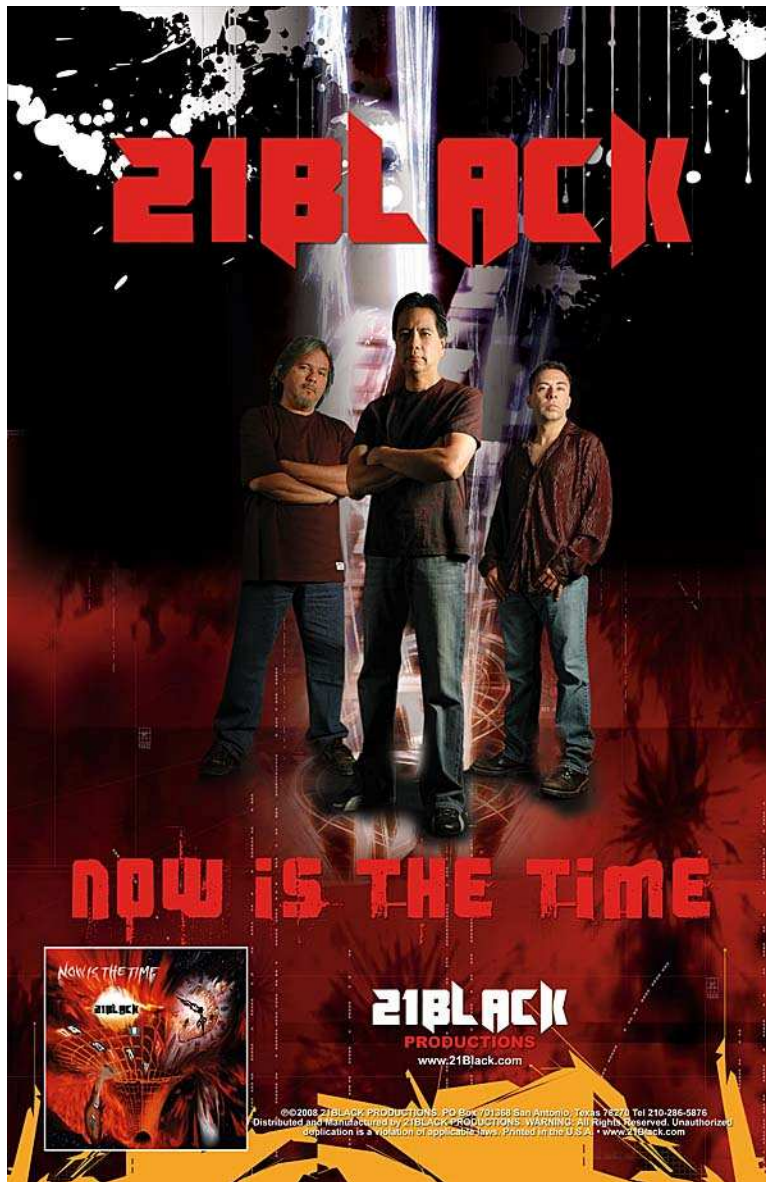


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21BLACK BIO

21BLACK is a four-piece Rock band based in San Antonio, TX. They formed in May 2004. The band is currently promoting the release of their new album "Now is the Time".

The members of 21BLACK have a variety of influences ranging from classic rock, jazz, blues, and classical music. The band's primary focus is writing, recording, and performing their original music.

Bass player Rob Banda has journeyed with a long list of legendary San Antonio bands such as Ground Zero, Altered Natives, WolfPack, Henry Perez's Rhythm Kings, Kay Watts, Dave Wagner, Strange Parade. He enjoys listening to Jazz, Rock, Reggae, and Funk. His influences are Chris Squire, Jaco Pastorius, Steve Vai, Tito Puentes, to name a few. Rob is also active on keyboards and vocals.

Drummer Leo Zepeda, Jr. holds a Masters degree in Music from UT Austin. His music experience began in the Tejano music scene, playing trumpet and saxophone for Latin Lites II, Jesse Serata and the Sunshine Band, and La Sombra. He credits his father Leo Sr. (former drummer for Freddie Fender) as being his earliest musical influence. Leo plays an important role in harmonizing backup vocals for the band.

Guitar player Robert Gloria decided to take up the instrument after witnessing the bombastic antics of Ritchie Blackmore at concerts in Southern California. Robert hails from the suburbs north of Los Angeles and was exposed to heavy doses of Deep Purple, Van Halen, and Robin Trower. He has played in both hard rock and rock/blues bands. Robert has always been inspired by the works of Bach, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky.

Vocalist Manny Castillo has fronted various bands, including Heyoka and Paradox. He is the most recent member of 21BLACK.

21BLACK has appeared in the Ponderous Productions 2008 movie series "The Innocent Killers". Their music is featured as a recurring theme in each of the ten series of movies, and the band appears in 3 of the movies.

21BLACK's debut album "Now is the Time" shows the wide range of the band's musical influences and moods. The song "It's Only Money" makes an upbeat statement about the world's current economic woes. "It Is What It Is" is a straight ahead funk rock groover. The title track of the album "Now is the Time" is heavy and swirling, with a memorable hook line. "Open the Door" marks the band's epoch involvement and appearance in Ponderous Production's 2008 "The Innocent Killers" movie series. The song is a recurring theme in the ten film epic saga, and 21BLACK is proud to have appeared in three of the movies. "Open the Door" is guaranteed to satisfy the appetite of any progressive-rocker, but included on the album are acoustic and jazz versions for those that fancy other tastes. On the lighter side, the song "Desert Soul" is a smooth and sexy instrumental, demonstrating that 21BLACK can indeed change its musical colors.



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1. Black Hole (Intro)
0:28 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
2. It's Only Money
4:08 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
3. It Is What It Is
3:48 Banda, Figueroa, Gloria,
Roberts, Zepeda
4. Valley of Shadows
3:59 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
5. Listen to the Light
3:29 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
6. Now is the Time
4:03 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
7. Morning Colors
4:08 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
8. Open the Door
3:43 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
9. Desert Soul
2:17 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
10. Open the Door (acoustic)
3:39 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda
11. Open the Door (Jazz)
3:18 Banda, Gloria, Zepeda

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8. OPEN THE DOOR
9. DESERT SOUL
10. OPEN THE DOOR
(Acoustic)
11. OPEN THE DOOR
(Jazz)

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