

## A member of X-Japan in France !

### Ra :IN in Paris the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2005

We have the pleasure to announce that the solo band of PATA (ex-X-Japan), Ra :IN, will perform live at the Elysee Montmartre in Paris (France) the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2005.



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But above all, don't miss the first opportunity to see on stage in Europe a member of X-Japan, PATA (one of the last still performing). One of those that with their music, during years, warmed the heart of millions of fans in Japan and across the world.

**Ra :IN live in Paris website :** <http://parisvisualprod.free.fr>

**Ra :IN website :** <http://www.rain-web.com>

## Ticket Reservation

**Europe :** Pre-Sales on Official Event Website : <http://parisvisualprod.free.fr>

**Japan :** For Fan tour, please contact : [borderline@spa.nifty.com](mailto:borderline@spa.nifty.com)

**Worldwide (From 01<sup>st</sup> of March 2005) :** TICKETNET Network : VIRGIN MEGASTORE – AUCHAN – E.LECLERC - GALERIES LAFAYETTECULTURA – LA SAMARITAINE - LE PROGRES DE LYON - [www.ticketnet.fr](http://www.ticketnet.fr) +33 892 390 100 (0.34 € TTC/min)

**Prices :**

- Pre-sales from <http://parisvisualprod.free.fr>: 30 € (4100 Yens/ 39 \$ Dollars)

- Other distributors : 35 € (4700 Yens/ 45 dollars)

### L'Elysée Montmartre



Located in the heart of the legendary Paris district of Montmartre, two steps from the « Sacré Cœur », the Elysée Montmartre is, with the Zenith and Bercy, one of the three most prestigious concert hall producing each year the biggest rock and hard-rock international bands (Avril Lavigne, Hoobastank, Papa Roach, Archive, The Calling, Europe, Saxon...as example, just for 2004). L'Elysée Montmartre is for sure the best place to welcome those « japanese rock monsters » that PATA and his band Ra :IN are.

It is also a place of culture and a symbol of Paris : « Home to the heroes of the french revolution, scene of the 100<sup>th</sup> production of Emile Zola's play l'Assomoir, and victim of a catastrophic fire in 1900, as well as resisting attempts to censor exotic dancers, since 1807 this is a place that have witnessed through the years the ebb and flow of Parisian life (...). L'Elysée Montmartre is one of the city's foremost historical and cultural landmarks. ».

**Elysée Montmartre's Website :** <http://www.elyseemontmartre.com>

## Official Biography

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Formed in the summer 2002, the name Ra:IN was given by Masayoshi Kabe, himself a legendary bass guitarist from the Golden Cups and Pink Cloud (a group with the guitarist Char).

Ra:IN’s live performances so far include “Commemorative Live for John Entwistle of The Who” held in Yokohama, “hide Birthday Live” held at Hide Museum and the year-end all night live “Rocklegends” held in Shinjuku, Tokyo, as well as many others. Their hard and edgy sound has been grabbing the attention of audiences throughout Japan as well as other musicians.

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Ra:IN’s 1st album “THE LINE”, which was released on November 7, 2003, has been highly acclaimed both by critics and fans. After the release, the band made a Japan-wide tour, which counted up to 100 total in 2003, and won new fans everywhere.

In the year 2004, Ra:IN focused to go “beyond the borders” literally, and made a successful Shanghai Tour on April 24 and 25, with enthusiastic welcome by Chinese fans. Following Shanghai, Ra:IN played at Formoz Rock Festival 2004 on July 31, Taipei, Taiwan, one of the most important rock festivals in East Asia, and again proved that “real music goes beyond the border” in front of a couple of thousands of fans, craving for “real” rock sound.

Ra:IN is now preparing its 2nd album—and Paris’ Live at l’Elysee Montmartre has been fixed on May 5, 2005, which will be the very first live in Europe for Ra:IN.



## PATA (Tomoaki Ishizuka)

Birthplace : Chiba-City	Birthday : 04 / Nov	Star Sign : Scorpio	Bloodtype : B-type
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Formerly a guitarist of the well-known Japanese band, X Japan. Since his career with X Japan, PATA has been engaged in solo activities, and released his 1st solo album "PATA" (starring Tim Boggard, Tommy Aldridge, James Christian, etc.) in 1993. In the same year he toured throughout Japan. In 1995, his 2nd solo album "raised on rock" was released. In 1994 and 1996, he joined the solo tours of hide, another guitarist from X Japan.

After X Japan disbanded in 1997, PATA started his own project P.A.F. Since 2000, he formed Dope HEADz with Heath and INA, and released 2 maxi singles and 2 albums, made Japan wide tours, and in 2002, as a representative from Japan, appeared in front of 20,000 people at the global rock festival "2002 ETP FEST" in Korea.

PATA has played with the drummer Tetsu Mukaiyama since they joined forces for P.A.F.



## michiaki (Michiaki Suzuki)

Birthplace : Yokohama-City	Birthday : 21 / Sep	Star Sign : Virgo	Bloodtype : AB-type
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michiaki made his debut as the bassist of TENSAA, a Yokohama-based rock band whose music and radical live performances were very influential in Japan's early '80's rock scene. After TENSAA, michiaki played with char as a supporting musician for Katsuhiko Nakagawa.

In 1988, he formed THE TOYS with Yasuaki Honda, and after the band broke up, michiaki started his career as a session musician and played with cutting edge Japanese musicians including hide, Kazuya Yoshii (THE YELLOW MONKEY), Mitsuhiro Oikawa, Sentimental Bus, al.ni.co, Demon Kogure, Fujio Yamaguchi(MURA HACHIBU), Makoto Ayukawa (SHEENA & THE ROCKETS), Keiko Terada, Akira Takasak (LOUDNESS) just to name a few.

michiaki's achievements also include being an arranger and/or producer, having worked for such music acts as Mikoto Momono, Hysteria Suzies, Keiko Terada, al.ni.co, and at the 30th anniversary event of the apparel maker "BIG!", as well as the "Eral Jean" men's collection, and, together with Coba, Gontiti, and others, a tribute album for Nino Rota, an Italian movie music virtuoso. He also played in the "Harukaze (Spring Breeze)" event, which gathered some 50,000 people in two days, and other events such as "Rolling Thunder".

In addition to Ra:IN, michiaki plays in such bands as "ZokuZokuKazoku" (with Masayoshi Kabe, ex.Pink Cloud), and "Mosaw" (with Shinji Miyake).



## Tetsu Mukaiyama

Birthplace :Nagasaki-City	Birthday : 31 / Jan	Star Sign : Aquarius	Bloodtype : A-type
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Tetsu made his entry into the professional music scene at the age of nineteen, when he joined Off Course as a support drummer in 1978, and in 1980 joined DAIZO&ELEPHANTS. After DAIZO & ELEPHANTS broke up, he formed Alphabets with the bassist Toben Yukawa, and the band made a debut album on the Polydor label.

Since 1993, Tetsu has been actively engaged in session work with such musicians as Eikichi Yazawa, Masaharu Fukuyama, Yosuke Eguchi, Kazuyoshi Saito, Tatsuya Ishii, NOKKO, Spiral Life, Red Warriors, Sentimental Bus, Ryuichi Kawamura, Mikoto Momono, CoCCo, FAKE?, and many others. He has also been involved in a wide variety of studio work, including TV, commercials and animation.

On top of Ra:IN, his activities also cover various sessions and studio work. Tetsu is also known as the owner of the rock bar "Boogie Stock" located in Daita, Setagaya, Tokyo.



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