

## History of Cyanna (1999 - 2013)

**Cyanna** (siāna) was a rock band from Athens, Greece formed in 1999. The sound of the band was originally based on blending keyboards and electronic beats with guitars, influenced by both alternative rock and dance music styles. Eventually the electronic elements were replaced by a more organic classic rock approach, with the last release being an acoustic folk rock EP. Cyanna was very active in the greek alternative scene from 2002 to 2013 when it was disbanded by its founders, **Spyreas Sid** (S. Sidiropoulos) and **Nick Sid** (N. Sidiropoulos), before moving on to form **Cyanna Mercury** in early 2014. In the more than 14 years of the band's existence, there were numerous changes in the lineup except for the Sid brothers. The band was known for intense live shows and constantly changing music styles, crossing over the boundaries of the greek underground into and out of the mainstream realm. They shared the stage with prestigious international acts such as Massive Attack (2008), MGMT (2009), The Stranglers (2009), Fischerspooner (2009), IAMX (2010) and Gorillaz Soundsystem (2010), and did an extensive tour in Greece in 2011. The band also appeared in some european festivals in Germany (2007), Switzerland (2007 & 2010) and Bulgaria (2011). Cyanna released 3 full albums, one EP, many demos, singles, remixes and appeared in numerous compilations both in underground and major labels. Their biggest commercial hit came in 2008 with "Shine", second single from the "Just A Crash" album, that became the Vodafone campaign song in Greece for two years (2009 - 2011), while their critically acclaimed best release would be their last, "The Undressed EP", an independent self funded release, that included "I Am Cannibal". Nick and Spyreas also collaborated with legendary singer Dimitra Galani, reworking and recording from scratch an old song from her catalogue, "Tipota", which was released in her 2009 album "Pixel", and produced releases and remixes for various artists. (wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyanna> | official: <http://cyanna.gr> | discography: <http://www.discogs.com/artist/1253814-Cyanna>)

## Official Cyanna Releases

- **άγγιξέ.το [Take.Dive]** (*Olonmusic, 2004*)
- **Just A Crash** (*Sony Music, 2008*) >>
- **End Is Near** (*Sony Music, 2010*) >>
- **The Undressed EP** (*Oxymoron Records, 2012*) >>

## Cyanna Videos

- **Done Be** (2008) >>
- **Shine** (2008) >>
- **Like Fire** (2009) >>
- **Perfect Mistake** (2010) >>
- **Miles and Miles** (2011) >>
- **I Am Cannibal** (2013) >>
- **I Am Cannibal 525 live sessions** (2013) >>

## Cyanna in Compilations

- **Liquid Breath** from *Made In Greece Vol.1 - The World Of Greek Grooves (Lola's World, 2005)* >>
- **Zavara** from *Greek Cinema Revisited (Sony Music, 2008)* >>
- **Τίποτα** from *Pixel (Sony Music, 2009)* >>
- **Ο Διαβάτης Της Ζωής** from *Retropolis (Metropolis Press, 2011)* >>

## Cyanna Live Highlights

- **Synch Festival**, *Lavrio 2005*
- **Hurricane Festival**, *Germany 2007*
- **St. Gallen Open Air Festival**, *Switzerland 2007*
- **Fly Beeyond Festival w/ Massive Attack** (UK) & The National (US), *Athens 2008*
- **Camel Nights w/ Fischerspooner** (US), *Mykonos 2009*
- **Ireon Festival w/ The Stranglers** (UK), *Samos 2009*
- **Electron Nights w/ MGMT** (US), *Athens 2009*
- **IAMX** (UK), *Athens 2010*
- **Gorillaz Soundsystem** (UK), *Athens 2010*
- **End Is Near Tour**, *Greece 2011* ([Tour Video Diary](#))
- **Elevation Festival** w/ Stereo MCs, Morcheeba, *Bulgaria 2011*
- **Ziria Festival**, *Korinthos 2012* ([I Am Cannibal Live](#), [San Quentin Live](#))
- **525 Live Sessions**, *EN LEFKO 87.7FM 2013* [>>](#)

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## Birth of Cyanna Mercury (2014 - )

In 2013 and after a few months of working on a new Cyanna album, Nick and Spyreas decided that Cyanna was no longer relevant and that this new set of songs that already started to take form deserved a fresh start and a new band to make it happen. It was obvious that the sound of that body of work would be a lot darker and more complex musically than anything they had previously done. In a few months they put together a new band of young musicians and started working on both old and new ideas for this album. By February 2014 they had 8 songs complete and ready to be performed by a full band with their three new bandmates, Diamond Pr, Dennis P and Dimitris G, and so the first rehearsals of **Cyanna Mercury** commenced. The five of them flew to Corsica a month later to perform for the seventh season of Mezzo Voce, a music show of French national TV. A one-hour concert was shot live in a 19th century villa in Ajaccio, and the episode was the highlight of the season. It aired in December 2014. In the following months after the trip to France, the band recorded its first release, a digital single, "Ode To The Absent Father" that also included "Dirty Things". Even though an independent release, the latter was included in En Lefko 87,7FM playlist in Athens and Rock 105,5FM in Thessaloniki and became viral. International blogs picked up on the A side track as well and the band quickly gained the attention of the public with just a few months in existence, while a lot of the old Cyanna fans remained faithful to this new revamp offering a solid foundation for the core that emerged. Right after the summer of '14 the recordings of the band's debut album "Archetypes" begun. In January 2015, Cyanna Mercury's first live shows on greek soil took place, starting with two support shows for The Raveonettes in Athens and Thessaloniki. A headline show at Trianon Cinema followed with the simultaneous release of "Dirty Things EP" a cassette tape carrying 4 tracks. By October 2015 the band had also performed live in a few more concerts and festivals, next to international psychedelic acts such as The Myrrors and Sonic Jesus, while the "Archetypes" album was finally complete, to be released in 2016. (official: <http://cyannamercury.com>)

## Cyanna Mercury Releases

- **Ode To The Absent Father** (*digital single self released 2014*) >>
- **Dirty Things EP** (*cassette tape self released 2015*) >>

## Cyanna Mercury Videos (Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CyannaMercuryTV>)

- **Nothing We Can Do** (Live At Mezzo Voce) >>
- **Blues For Zilla** (Live rehearsal) >>

## Cyanna Mercury in Compilations

- **Ode To The Absent Father** from The Death Roots Syndicate: Volume III (*Death Roots Syndicate, 2014*) >>
- **The Four Horsemen** from The End (*Death Roots Syndicate, 2015*) >>

## Cyanna Mercury Press Clips

- **Ode To The Absent Father** Review (en) >>
- **Ode To The Absent Father / Dirty Things** Review (es) >>
- **Nothing We Can Do** Live At Mezzo Voce Review (gr) >>
- **The Four Horsemen** Review (en) >>

## Cyanna Mercury Live Highlights

- **Mezzo Voce**, Ajaccio 2014 >>
- **The Raveonettes** (DK), Athens & Thessaloniki 2015 (reviews: [Rocking.gr](#), [RockinAthens.gr](#))
- **Trianon Cinema**, Athens 2015 (reviews: [AfterNoiz.com](#) (en), [RockinAthens.gr](#))
- **Sonic Jesus** (IT), Athens 2015 (review: [RockWay.gr](#))
- **The Myrrors** (US), Athens 2015 (reviews: [RockOverdose.gr](#), [RockinAthens.gr](#))