

RODRIGUEZ: COMING FROM DETROIT TO ALTER YOUR REALITY

“Detroit’s answer to Dylan... timeless.”
- *Filter*

The mythic and mysterious Rodriguez is taking to the road for his first-ever multi-date US tour in support of his recently reissued lost classics *Cold Fact* (currently available) and *Coming From Reality* (out May 5th).

Originally released in 1970, *Cold Fact* is a snapshot of a scene, thick with political unrest and percolating with a druggy, live-wire vibe. It’s solid slab of classic American psychedelia, and has a place in any collection featuring both Donovan and Love.

In 1971, *Coming From Reality* found Rodriguez decamping from Detroit to London and recording with some of the UK’s top talent including Chris Spedding (Sex Pistols, Dusty Springfield) and producer Steve Rowland (The Cure). Unearthed, once again, by Light In The Attic records, it’s another treat for fans new and old, designed – at the time – as Rodriguez’s vision of a perfect pop album.

Rodriguez fell off the radar after it was released, and spent the passing years working construction and running for local political office in Detroit. Simultaneously, *Cold Fact* was bootlegged and released in South Africa where it became a huge sensation. Through circumstance and chance, he discovered his lost legacy in 1995, and by ‘98 was playing a series of sold out arena shows in South Africa. Now, almost 40 years after his first bow, Rodriguez is starting to get the stateside recognition he deserves.

Meanwhile, the Rodriguez story keeps gathering pace. A Swedish film company is working on a feature length documentary about the enigmatic performer’s music and life, and Rodriguez will be touring the UK and Europe in addition to these US dates.

“It’s an extraordinary trip,” says Rodriguez of his new lease on life. “It feels like Picasso, Monet. All these exciting new thoughts coming at me. It’s global. I’m lucky to have this second chance. It’s very real and totally unexpected.”

Sixto Rodriguez, then. Still coming from reality, and bigger than ever before.

RODRIGUEZ LIVE:

4/10 - High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI
4/24 - Beachland Ballroom, Cleveland, OH
5/08 - Schubas Tavern, Chicago, IL
5/09 - Magic Stick, Detroit, MI
5/13 - Rock & Roll Hotel, Washington DC
5/14 - Johnny Brenda's, Philadelphia, PA
5/15 - Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY
6/22 - Richard's On Richards, Vancouver, BC
6/23 - The Triple Door, Seattle, WA
6/24 - Doug Fir Lounge, Portland, OR
6/26 - Slim's, San Francisco, CA
6/27 - El Rey Theatre, Los Angeles, CA

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