



# FACT SHEET

*Music that offers a unique sensation...*

BAND NAME:	<b>Honest Touch</b>
MUSICAL STYLE:	A genre fusing the aesthetics of Pop and Classical, creating a cinematic and emotional musical approach.
HOME BASE:	Athens, Greece
BAND MEMBERS:	Fofi Maniadaki: Acoustic Piano Samy Elgazzar: Composer, Keyboards <i>Rhythm section:</i> Tolis Arsenidis: Drums Sotiris Papadeas: Bass Dimitris Kontos: Percussion & Timpani Christos Pikridas: Acoustic & Electric Guitars Yannis Stergiou: Acoustic, Classical & El. Guitars
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Honest Touch</b> is a <i>project</i> rather than a traditional <i>band</i>.</li> <li>• The project is backed by the Amadeus Orchestra, the Philharmonia Bulgarica, and the Fons Musicalis Choir. The project is rounded out by two guest musicians, violinist Vasilis Garoufalidis and vocalist Marita Papanizou.</li> <li>• Material centers on and identifies with political and social issues.</li> <li>• All music is composed, arranged and conducted by Samy Elgazzar.</li> <li>• <b>Honest Touch</b> performs live. The project debuted in 2000. They offer both original and cover music.</li> </ul>
INTERESTING FACTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The song "Luce Lontana" won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the instrumental category and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the WCS Song Contest in 2002.</b></li> <li>• <b>Debut album mastered by Vlado Meller, whose credits include Barbara Streisand, Prince, and Celine Dion, to name but a few.</b></li> <li>• Debut album includes ABBA's hit "Lay All Your Love On Me."</li> </ul>
CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PLANS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD released in summer 2005, on Polytropon Records and distributed by Universal Music.</li> <li>• <b>"Memories From A Dream" was nominated among the Album Finalists of the 2007 Independent Music Awards in the New Age category.</b></li> <li>• Appearances on Greek national TV, radio and press reviews to support the release.</li> <li>• <b>Received 4 nominations and won the Best Keyboard Player category in the 2007 International Online Music Awards.</b></li> </ul>
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