

Steve Smith and Vital Information Announce 2025 Tour Featuring Keyboardist Manuel Valera

Legendary drummer Steve Smith embarks on tour w/ his celebrated group Vital Information in collaboration with Manuel Valera and Janek Gwizdala.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, March 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Steve Smith and [Vital Information](#) Announce 2025 Tour Featuring Keyboardist [Manuel Valera](#)

Legendary drummer Steve Smith, known for his iconic tenure with the rock band Journey, is set to embark on a thrilling tour in 2025 with his celebrated group Vital Information. This tour promises a fresh and revitalizing experience as Smith collaborates with the extraordinary Manuel Valera on keyboards and the talented Janek Gwizdala on bass.

Kicking off on April 3, 2025, at [The Baked Potato](#) in Los Angeles, this tour will showcase their new album, *New Perspective*, which reimagines classic tracks in innovative ways.

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Manuel Valera, a virtuoso in his own right, brings a unique flair to the group with his profound understanding of jazz and contemporary music. His innovative arrangements, especially on Journey classics, have garnered praise for transforming well-known songs into vibrant jazz compositions. Notably, Valera's up-tempo rendition of “Don't Stop Believin'” inspired Smith to revisit and record

several of his past hits, breathing new life into them with fresh, modern interpretations.



Vital Information

New Perspective features an eclectic mix of familiar tunes, including three reworked Journey hits—“Open Arms,” “Who’s Cryin’ Now,” and “Don’t Stop Believin’”—alongside original compositions and arrangements of pieces from Vital Information and the legendary Michael Brecker. The album is rooted in bebop’s straight-ahead swing, exploring complex time signatures and adventurous funk-driven jazz standards.



Manuel Valera

“Working with Manuel has been an incredible journey,” says Smith. “His talent and creative energy inspire me to push the boundaries of my music. This tour is not just a celebration of our past; it’s about crafting new experiences for our audience.”

The tour will include multiple shows across various cities, culminating in a performance at the 39th Annual Syracuse International Jazz Festival on April 26, 2025, where fans can enjoy free admission to witness this dynamic trio in action.

Tour Dates:

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: The Baked Potato

Address: 3787 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91604-3504

Phone: 818-980-1615

Two shows per night

Friday, April 4, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: The Baked Potato

Address: 3787 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91604-3504

Phone: 818-980-1615

Two shows per night

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: The Baked Potato

Address: 3787 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91604-3504

Phone: 818-980-1615

Two shows per night

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala (bass)

Event: HITKOR Live Stream from anywhere

Monday, April 7, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)

Address: 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

Phone: 480-478-6000

Steve Smith Master Class at 4:30 PM

Vital Information Concert at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Caleb Chapman's Soundhouse

Address: 2415 W. 700 S., Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

Phone: 801-763-0200

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: The Outpost

Address: 210 Yale Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Phone: 505-268-0044

Friday, April 11, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Yoshi's Jazz Club

Address: 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square, Oakland, CA 94607

Phone: 510-238-9200

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Myron's at The Smith Center

Address: 361 Symphony Park Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106

Phone: 702-749-2000

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: PDX Jazz

Address: 133 SW Second Ave., Ste. 420, Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503-715-0600

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club

Address: 47 Frith Street, Soho, London, England W1D 4HT

Phone: +44-207-439-0747

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club

Address: 135 Congress Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Phone: 888-603-5299

Friday, June 20, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Birdland Theater

Address: 315 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-581-3080

Two shows per night

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Birdland Theater

Address: 315 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-581-3080

Two shows per night

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: Birdland Theater

Address: 315 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-581-3080

Two shows per night

Monday, June 23, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala (bass)

Venue: Long Island Drum Center

Address: 86 Tec Street, Hicksville, NY 11801

Phone: 516-694-5432

Thursday, June 26, 2025 Free Admission, Non-Ticketed

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Event: 39th Annual Syracuse International Jazz Festival

Location: Festival Mainstage, Clinton Square Park, Downtown Syracuse
Address: 161 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, New York 13202

Friday, June 27, 2025

Steve Smith (drums), Manuel Valera (keyboards), Janek Gwizdala

Venue: The Ritz

Location: Scranton, PA

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Steve Smith Master Class: 3:30 PM

Steve Smith & Vital Information Concert: 7:30 PM

Venue: Windish Studios

Address: 4 W. Prescott Alley, West Chester, PA
Scranton, PA

Tickets available soon!

Join Steve Smith, Manuel Valera, and Janek Gwizdala for an unforgettable musical experience that redefines the sounds of jazz and rock. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through the respective venues.

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