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# **THE PONY SUITE**



**Composed & orchestrated by:**  
**Lyrics by:**  
**Performed by**  
**Genre:**

**Zap McInnes & Ike Willis**  
**Zap McInnes, Ike Willis & Frank Zappa**  
**ZAPPATiKA**  
**Avant-Garde Rock, Zappa-esque, Pomp**

**Duration : 8m 1s**

**Official Release Date : 01 September 2015**

**Available formats (upon request) WAV 48kHz 24 bit ,WAV 44,1kHz 16 bit or 128 MP3.320 MP3**



***Zap McInnes (L) & Ike Willis (R)***

## Background :

**Zap McInnes:** “I once wrote an original concept surrounding My Little Pony. The pony is actually representative of the east European prostitutes who end up in the darkness of the red light district in Amsterdam, never to return to the forests of Lithuania and Rumania having been trapped into this lifestyle by manipulative pimps. Now, in our first ever collaboration, **Ike Willis** and I have orchestrated a completely new work incorporating elements of that original pony concept mixed with some newer ideas and some of Frank Zappa’s lyrics. The music is written and orchestrated by Mr Willis and myself. It is performed by **ZAPPATiKA**, featuring both **Jeff Hollie** and **Craig Twister Steward**. Ike features very strongly of course. *The Pony Suite* is pompous comedy, it is even operatic in parts but can best be described as prog-jazz-classical-rock. This new recording both evolves the Pony concept to fruition and also introduces some new characters such as the Beastial Boys and the Black Ninja.

The Pony Suite is the first track from a whole new avant garde “zappaesque” album which we are currently putting together. The genre must continue to evolve....the new 12-track album will feature various ex-Zappa musicians with lots of new music and will hopefully be finished toward the end of 2016....”

## Some things which have been said about The Pony Suite so far.....

*“It’s kinda like Bohemian Rhapsody....only much funnier”*

*“new avant garde rock with the Zappa legacy very much in mind”*

*“the operatic transition in the middle gave me Goosebumps !”*

## The Musicians:

Ike Willis	Vocals & Guitars**
Zap McInnes	Vocals & Guitars
Jeff Hollie	Soprano Sax & Vocals**
Craig “Twister” Steward	Harmonicas**
Batt-a-Tutti	Drums
Hieronymous van Dam	Percussion, Synth, Pony
Fred Handl	Piano
Joep Oosterbaan	Bass Guitar
Coen Siersma	Trumpet

\*\*Ike Willis, Jeff Hollie & Craig Steward first appeared together on Frank Zappa’s JOES GARAGE album in 1979

## Guest Artists:

Giouli Foteinou & Deef Den Hartoog                      Vocal Aria

## Technical & Production :

(Live recording at Het Muziekhuis, Leiden, The Netherlands)

(Studio recording & post production at Studio 123, Leiden, The Netherlands)

<b>Executive Producers</b>	<b>Zap Mcinnes &amp; Ike Willis</b>
<b>Asst Producers</b>	<b>Coen Siersma &amp; Maarten van Zeijl</b>
<b>Studio Production</b>	<b>Deef Den Hartoog</b>
<b>Studio Engineering</b>	<b>Dirk Heemskerk</b>
	<b>Gertjan Koning</b>
<b>Live Recording</b>	<b>Gertjan Koning</b>

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