

ELIEL LAZO

EL CONGUERO

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Cuban percussionist Eliel Lazo has released an album of Afro-Cuban jazz performed by a unique line-up of Danish and Cuban musicians.

– I would love to be considered an ambassador in Europe for Cuban music and culture.

The 26-year old percussionist and composer Eliel Lazo first visited Denmark in 2004 on an invitation from the Danish Radio Big Band. Other invitations followed. Soon Denmark became a stable base on his travels around the world, and in 2007 he made Copenhagen his home. He married and now has a 3-month old daughter.

– You are welcome to regard my music as a message of love, happiness and peace. I hope to contribute pleasure, to make people smile and dance. And we need it in this Scandinavian season of darkness, which can make you a little depressed.

Eliel Lazo's CD is called EL CONGUERO – plain and simple: 'the conga-player'. It is a CD full of explosive music of Afro-Cuban persuasion, full of the sensuous rhythms that are an essential part of Cuban tradition. The band features a powerful line-up of influential Cuban and Danish instrumentalists including pianist Chucho Valdes and Danish guitarist Mikkel Nordsø. All the songs were written by Eliel Lazo except Rhythm song, by Martha Skytte/Eliel Lazo and Pa Cumbanchar intro by Eliel Lazo/Chucho Valdes, and recorded in Havana, Copenhagen, Madrid and New York. The recordings were mastered by the legendary American Afro-Cuban sound wizard Luis Damian Guell, and the sound of the end result is an attraction in its own right.

– I feel privileged to have found and brought together so many fine musicians. Each has that very special something, which was important

Habana / Un gallego en la Habana / Martha / Rhythm song / Complicated girl / A mis padres / Eliel solo / Pa cumbanchar intro / Pa cumbanchar / Africa / Parapirope.

Eliel Lazo (congas, timbales, guiro, bata, chekere, clave claps, vocal), Alexander Abreu, Julio Padron, Mads La Cour (trumpet), Carlos Perez (trombone), Jens Søndergaard, Livan Morejon, Samuel Hejslet, Jacob Dinesen (sax), Mikkel Nordsø, Flavio Rodrigues (guitar), Ben Besiakov, Dan Hemmer (organ), Yasser Pino, Yandi Martinez, Hugo Rasmussen, Carlos Del Puerto (bass), Chucho Valdes, Alean Imbert, Michael Heise (piano), Tony Moreaux (drums), Ignacio Guerra (bata), Marvin Diz, Jacob Andersen (timbales), Raul Rekow (congas), Ayi Solomon (Djembe) & Hanne Boel (vocal).

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