

Eliel Lazo - Yasser Pino
Raul Pineda - Caramelo de Cuba

CUBAN JAZZ REPORT

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In early 2014, the Danish-resident conga player and bandleader Eliel Lazo invented a concept that he dubbed 'Cuban Nights,' the goal of which was to play and present new and authentic Cuban music on stages including at the Copenhagen JazzHouse Montmartre. After many successful Cuban Nights across the country and around Europe with various now-local and visiting Cuban musicians, Eliel decided to return to the original line-up. So, here's the dream-team back together again, including legendary pianist Javier "Caramelo de Cuba" Masso (Jerry Gonzalez, Enrique Morente, Diego el Cigala, Concha Buika), bassist Yasser Pino (The AfroCuban All Stars, The Latin Syndicate, Roberto Fonseca), drumming genius and Grammy-winner Raul Pineda (Chucho Valdes, Eric Marienthal, Michel Camilo), and Eliel himself (The Cuban Funkmachine, Michel Camilo, Chucho Valdes, Richard Bona) to collectively turn up the heat. This time, the music is also immortalized with this record release, recorded in the legendary Musigramma recording studio in Madrid.

Although Eliel has a prominent role, the recordings featuring his bold arrangements and the star-studded band represent much more than just a "showcase" for him. So, enjoy! Here comes Cuban Jazz Report, with the modern sound of contemporary Afro-Cuban music, and a combination of so many scary talents and sounds, it's dizzying. The band's mix of Afro-Cuban clave-based rhythms spiced-up with jazz harmonies and improvisation goes way beyond the fascinating usual, and listeners are immediately delighted by the fresh sense of bolero, baiiao, Latin grooves... and a splash of bebop! The explosive rhythmic patterns and nostalgic melodies of Cuban ballads (known as boleros) set the tone for a delightfully immersive musical experience and create a perfect sonic cocktail for the listener to taste a true Cuban descarga. Cuban Jazz Report is honest and engaging music with rhythms and emotions prioritized over Latin jazz's usual commercial clichés. If you are looking for lush and euphoric tunes with impressive polyrhythms and something quite refreshing, then you need look no further!

Javier "Caramelo de Cuba" Masso Javier (p), Yasser Pino (b), Raul Pineda (d), Eliel Lazo (perc, voc).

Havana Chants / Cromason / La Caminadora / Cuban Style Blues / Nuevo Amanecer / Para Luisa /
One Night One Song / Monday Evening / Camina Y Ve / Yo Soy.

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