CaboCubaJazz

Cabo Verde meets Cuba & Jazz

VIVA BANA! / A tribute to Cape Verdean legend Bana



Photo: Eric van Nieuwland

Where creole cultures meet

CaboCubaJazz brings Cape Verdean song, Cuban rumba and salsa, and adventurous jazz to the stage. Eight musicians share their love of this music, moving from tender melodies to exuberant grooves and sparkling improvisation—for listeners and dancers alike.

Selected stages & international reach

North Sea Jazz Festival • Havana Jazz Festival • Kriol Jazz Festival • Borneo Jazz Festival • Brașov Jazz
Niagara Jazz Festival • Jazz Festival Viersen • Bahrain Jazz Festival • Jazz Night Zug • Samui Jazz Festival

Performances in Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Cape Verde, Cuba, Finland, Germany, Israel, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Switzerland and Thailand.

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BIMHUIS highlights · 3 min

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VIVA BANA!



Their third album, VIVA BANA!, is a fresh and colourful tribute to Bana, one of the great voices of Cape Verdean music. His repertoire enters the musical world of CaboCubaJazz: the heartfelt melodies and buoyant rhythms of Cape Verde, the vitality of Cuban music and the freedom of jazz improvisation.

New album - fall/winter 2026
Available on CD and all digital platforms
Timbazo Productions & Matos Music

Both previous albums, Rikeza y Valor and Corason Africano, were considered for Grammy Awards in several categories and nominated for the Cabo Verde Music Awards. Rikeza y Valor was also voted Best World Music Album by Dutch music journalists.

The octet

Eight individual voices share the spotlight: vocals, piano, trombone, trumpet, bass, drums and percussion.

Heartfelt melodies, spirited improvisation and irresistible rhythms invite you to listen closely and get up and dance.

Jèryh Luz
Vocals | Cape Verde
An exciting rising talent whose radiant voice, Cape Verdean roots and jazz phrasing captivate audiences.

Daniel López Montejo
Vocals | Cuba
Cuban vocalist bringing the phrasing and rhythmic character of Cuban song to the ensemble.

Carlos Matos
Piano | Cape Verde
An ambassador of Cape Verdean music in Europe, weaving island song traditions, Cuban piano and adventurous jazz.

Nils Fischer
Percussion | Germany
A distinctive percussion voice: deep groove, rhythmic finesse and a wealth of international stage and studio experience.

Pablo Martínez
Trombone | Spain
A distinctive improviser whose musical language brings together jazz, flamenco and Cuban music.

Oscar Cordero
Trumpet | Venezuela
A bright brass voice in the octet's Cape Verdean, Cuban and jazz repertoire.

Mauricio Méndez
Bass | Venezuela
A groove-led approach connecting Venezuelan traditions, jazz, Afro-Cuban and Cape Verdean music.

Leonid Muñoz
Drums | Cuba
Havana-trained drummer and percussionist combining Cuban rhythmic fluency with soulful, virtuoso playing.

Press, media & booking

Hear it. See it. Book it.

Selected press

“Seductive, inspirational, passionate!”

Latin Beat Magazine

“Beautiful contrasts.”

de Volkskrant ★★★★

“Cuba meets Cape Verde in elegant, swinging jazz.”

Trouw

“Mellow Cabo, rough Cuba, a touch of jazz - the perfect blend.”

Mixed World Music

“Fantastic sound - rhythmically stunning.”

Slagwerkkrant

Watch & listen

Live at BIMHUIS - extended highlights Longer concert clip	Open ↗
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Booking & press

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