

CaboCubaJazz

Cabo Verde meets Cuba & Jazz

VIVA BANA! / A tribute to Cape Verdean legend Bana



Photo: Cristiano Barbosa

Where creole cultures meet

Cape Verdean song, Cuban rumba and salsa, and adventurous jazz meet in a sound full of warmth, rhythmic vitality and deep feeling. An international collective of six distinctive musical voices, CaboCubaJazz brings lyrical intimacy, rhythmic drive and expressive jazz improvisation to the concert stage.

SELECTED STAGES & INTERNATIONAL REACH

North Sea Jazz Festival • Havana Jazz Festival
Kriol Jazz Festival • BIMHUIS, Amsterdam

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

WATCH: LIVE AT BIMHUIS

LISTEN: VIVA BANA!

VIVA BANA!



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 SEXTET

Six individual voices share the spotlight: vocals, piano, trombone, bass, drums and percussion. Heartfelt melodies, spirited improvisation and irresistible rhythms: a celebration for listeners and dancers alike.

Jèryh Luz

Vocals | Cape Verde

An exciting rising talent whose radiant voice, Cape Verdean roots and jazz phrasing captivate audiences.

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.

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.

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

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Live at BIMHUIS

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