

SPANISH HARLEM ORCHESTRA

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After flashing glimpses of their Latin jazz prowess over the course of their previous six recordings, 3x GRAMMY® Award Winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra goes 'all in' on **The Latin Jazz Project**, their first full length Latin jazz release. This is a fan-funded project through ArtistShare.

For the past 17 years, Spanish Harlem Orchestra has earned their reputation as today's premier salsa ensemble. Considered "the leading light of the salsa reconstruction movement" (Newsday), SHO has released six critically acclaimed albums including Anniversary (Artist Share), which most recently won the GRAMMY® Award for Best Tropical Latin Album. They have performed on the world's top stages and at nearly every major jazz festival including those in Newport, Montreal, and Monterey. Especially through their live performances, SHO has successfully built a bridge between Latin and jazz music, evidenced by their countless standing ovations at festivals and critical acclaim from the press. **The Latin Jazz Project** builds upon that legacy and brings SHO full circle into the Latin jazz arena.

The Latin Jazz Project is a natural progression for Spanish Harlem Orchestra. For starters, SHO Artistic Director Oscar Hernández is considered one of the most important Latin jazz pianists of his generation. As a leader, Hernández has released two Latin jazz albums with Origin records: *The Art of Latin Jazz* (2017) and *Love The Moment* (2019), which went on to receive four stars by Downbeat Magazine. Now, Hernández has melded his Latin jazz expertise with Spanish Harlem Orchestra's signature salsa dura sound to produce an instant classic in **The Latin Jazz Project**, the ensemble's first all-Latin jazz recording. "We have always been steeped in the tradition of Latin jazz," says Hernández, adding, "...it makes sense for us to finally get to this point. I couldn't be more proud of this project and this band."

Produced by Oscar Hernández
Co-produced by Doug Beavers

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KURT ELLING vocals
JOE LOCKE vibraphone
JIMMY HASLIP bass
TOM HARRELL trumpet
DAVE LIEBMAN saxophone

BOB FRANCESCHINI saxophone
BOB MINTZER saxophone
JONATHAN POWELL trumpet
MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ trumpet
MIGUEL ZENON saxophone

OSCAR HERNÁNDEZ Piano/Leader
HÉCTOR COLÓN Trumpet, Flugelhorn
MANUEL "MANECO" RUIZ Trumpet, Flugelhorn (1,5,6,8,11)
JONATHAN POWELL Trumpet, Flugelhorn (2,3,4,7,9)
DOUG BEAVERS Trombone
NOAH BLESS Trombone
JORGE CASTRO Baritone Sax
MITCH FROHMAN Baritone Sax (11)
LUISITO QUINTERO Timbales, Shekere, Shakers, Chimes
GEORGE DELGADO Congas
JORGE GONZÁLEZ Bongos
GERARDO "JERRY" MADERA Bass
JEREMY BOSCH Flute, Vocal (11)
MARCO BERMUDEZ Vocal (11)
CARLOS CASCANTE Vocal (11)

1. RITMO DE MI GENTE (4:28)

(Hernández)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloists: Hernández, Bosch

2. BOBO (5:27)

(Sheller) (ft. Bob Mintzer)
Arr. Marty Sheller
Soloists: Mintzer, Quintero

3. INVITATION (5:28)

(Kaper, Webster) (ft. Kurt Elling & Miguel Zenón)
Arr. Doug Beavers
Soloists: Hernández, Zenón, Elling

4. ACID RAIN (6:04)

(Fernández) (ft. Bob Franceschini)
Arr. Ángel Fernández
Soloists: Franceschini, Powell

5. LAS PALMAS (6:03)

(Hernández) (ft. Tom Harrell)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloists: Hernández, Harrell, Delgado

6. SILENT PRAYERS (5:56)

(Hernández) (ft. Jimmy Haslip & Dave Liebman)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloists: Haslip, Bosch, Liebman

7. ROUND MIDNIGHT (4:21)

(Monk) (ft. Oscar Hernández & Jonathan Powell)
Arr. Gene Amato
Soloists: Hernández, Powell

8. FORT APACHE (5:45)

(Hernández) (ft. Michael Rodriguez)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloists: Rodriguez, Hernández

9. LATIN PERSPECTIVE (4:29)

(Hernández) (ft. Joe Locke & Jeremy Bosch)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloists: Bosch, Locke

10. JOE AND OSCAR (0:36)

(Hernández, Locke)

11. DESCARGA DE JAZZ (5:08)

(Hernández)
Arr. Oscar Hernández
Soloist: Frohman