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**Andrea Brachfeld & Phoenix Rising  
Remembered Dreams**

by Danilo Navas

If you were around during the 70's, you probably remember the music of Charanga Tipica New York, Benito Sextet, Charanga 76, Joe Quijano... All of them had something in common: Andrea Brachfeld.

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Andrea Brachfeld was one of the very few female flute players in Latin music at that time. In fact, she was the only one in New York. Andrea performed with Tito Puente, Johnny Pacheco, Machito, Charanga America, Orquesta Broadway and many others.

Andrea's reputation in the New York salsa and Latin Jazz circles was widely known. Her curriculum from that period of her life is impressive. After almost 2 decades, Andrea Brachfeld comes back with a special recording of all original compositions. Her technique is still impeccable, her melodies, evocative and imaginative, so tender at times. "Remembered Dreams" marks Andrea's serious return to the Latin Jazz scene. She's still one of the few leading female flutists around and her passion for music hasn't diminished a bit. "Au contraire", all this time has provided her with a maturity and a perspective about her music that is clearly reflected in her present project.

Phoenix Rising Latin Jazz Ensemble showcases top musicians. They are a cohesive group, following Andrea in her "Dreams." "Le Metro J" introduces the CD in a joyful, uptempo mood. "Guatemala's Dance" has such a beautiful, enchanting melody. "Remembered Dreams" has a soothing power that cures. "Osiana" takes us into a magical journey. "Latin Sunset" is another vibrant tune, with a delicate jazzy edge and fiery montunos. "Afra Jade" has an indigenous touch, reminiscent of ancient flute playing. "Oceanside" evokes a sunny morning and the open sea. "Mojivin Sun" closes the trip to the fascinating musical world of Phoenix Rising.

**Tracks:** (click on titles to listen)

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| 1. <b>Le Metro J</b>        | 5. <b>Latin Sunset</b> |
| 2. <b>Guatemala's Dance</b> | 6. <b>Afra Jade</b>    |
| 3. <b>Remembered Dreams</b> | 7. <b>Oceanside</b>    |
| 4. <b>Osiana</b>            | 8. <b>Mojivin Sun</b>  |

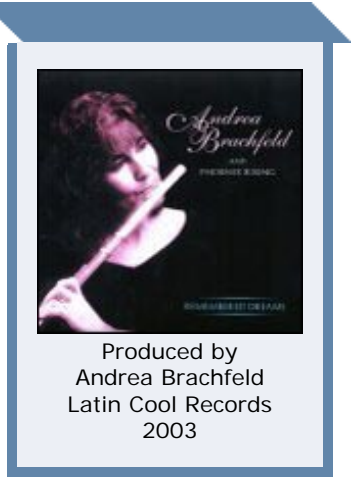


**Credits:**

Andrea Brachfeld: flute, wooden flute, synthesizer  
 Taurey Butler: piano  
 Kip Reed: bass  
 Karl Latham: drums  
 Chuggy Carter: congas and percussion  
 Bob Quaranta: piano  
 Lincoln Goines: bass  
 Kim Plainfield: drums  
 Louis Bauzo: congas and percussion

**Compositions:**

All compositions by Andrea Brachfeld.



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