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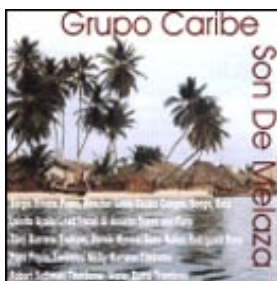
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GRUPO CARIBE
Son de Melaza

2000 CMS Records

Producer & Musical Director: Louis Bauzo

Grupo Caribe is an explosive ensemble led by pianist Sergio Rivera, whose credentials include: Raphael Cortijo, Orestes Vilató y Los Kimbos, Kako y sus Estrellas and the Orlando Marín Orchestra.

The group has been performing since 1996 in New York City. This is their first CD, recently released. Their sound is unique, reminiscent of the best tropical bands coming out of the Big Apple. The list of credits says it all. These are top-notch musicians, some of the best in the field.

This is not strictly a Latin Jazz recording, but includes a powerful mix of Afro-Caribbean rhythms, call it salsa, cha cha chá, bolero, mambo... The quality of interpretation and the arrangements are outstanding. Grupo Caribe, with his "Son de Melaza," appeals to salsa and Latin Jazz lovers in equal proportion.

- Sergio Rivera** - piano, director
- Luisito Ayala** - lead vocals
- Al Acosta** - saxes and flute
- Papo Pepín** - percussion, timbales
- Louis Bauzo** - congas, bongo, batá, producer and musical director
- Bernie Minoso** - bass
- Tony Barrero** - trumpet
- Rubén Rodríguez** - bass
- Nicky Marrero** - timbales
- Roberto Suttman** - trombone
- Víctor Barro** - trombone
- Wanda Coriano** - vocals
- Liza Bauzo** - coro
- Víctor Venegas** - bass
- Benny Roma** - trumpet
- Louis Kahn** - trombone
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