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MARACA Y OTRA VISION
Descarga Total!

2000 Ahí Namá Music

Reviewed by Danilo Navas

Cuban flautist Orlando "Maraca" Valle, who was born into a musical family in 1966, started his professional career in 1987 with Emiliano Salvador and Bobby Carcassés. In 1988, he became a member of the renowned Cuban band "Irakere." After six years of successful experience, in 1994, he left the Chucho Valdés' agrupation, participating afterwards in many recording projects, among them the acclaimed first release of Jesús Alemañy's "Cubanismo." He wrote and arranged some of the hits from that album. Soon after, "Maraca" created his present band "Otra Visión."

Descarga Total! gives us a tremendous panoramic view of modern and traditional Cuban music, covering a wide range of rhythms and styles: son, guajira, descargas, danzón, mambo, cha cha... This is a recording dedicated to the dancers, "para los bailarores." Infectious polyrhythmic compositions, charged with melodic jazzy phrasings put the listeners on their feet. There's no place for contradictions between the mind and the body, without much thinking you get up and dance.

All songs are Maraca's original creations, he's an incredibly talented composer and arranger. Besides his band, the list of performers participating is amazing, and not because they are numerous, but for their outstanding quality. They represent the best of the new generation of Cuban musicians.

CREDITS

Orlando "Maraca" Valle - flute, musical direction, chorus and all original arrangements and compositions

Céline Chauveau - flute

Changuito - timbales

Yumurí - vocals

Javier Zalba - baritone and soprano sax

Pancho Amat - tres

Enrique Lazaga - güiro

Irving Acao - alto sax

Carlos Alvarez - trombon

Luis Valle - trumpet

Reinaldo Melián - trumpet






Yaroldy Abreu - congas

Juan Carlos Rojas "El Peje" - timbales

Wilfredo Campa - vocals

Irving Ferreyro - piano
Robert Pérez - trumpet
Andrés Janet Pérez - tenor sax
Lazaro Rivero - bass
and many more...

TRACKS

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2. Oye Guajira mi Son (Guajira/Son)
3. Pa' Gozar Pilón (Pilón)
4. Havana Danzón (Danzón) 
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