

CUBANOSON - NY's Cuban Orchestra

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Musician Roster

Papo Ortega - Piano., Orchestra Leader, Lead Vocal, ***

Roberto Rodriguez Jr. - Musical Director, Lead Trumpet

Junior Rivera - Tres Guitar

Jose Leonardo Freire - Trombone

Jaime Figueroa - Vocals, Timbal, bongos

Carlos Padron - Congas

Willie Cintron - Bass

Orlando "Niño" Espinosa - Vocals, Percussion

Jorge "Papito" Sanchez - Vocals, Percussion

Guido Gonzalez - 2nd Trumpet

Rosa Ortega - Stage Manager, Orchestra Assistant

****Member of ASCAP, member of MACNYC, Leader of Petit CubanOSon - a musical quartet available for cocktail receptions.*

Cubanoson reserves the right to perform with substitute musicians with the exception of the orchestra leader.

CUBANOSON's Biography

Papo Ortega's CUBANOSON, New York's Cuban Orchestra was formed in 2005, under the leadership of pianist Leonel "Papo" Ortega. Since 1979 this musically inspired pianist and composer has enjoyed the privilege of working alongside several exceptional musicians, among them legendary artists Chocolate Armenteros, José Fajardo and Cándido Camero. Having performed with numerous Latin bands over the years, Papo created CUBANOSON - NY's Cuban Orchestra to bring you danceable Cuban music at its best. CUBANOSON has brought together the talent and dedication of excellent contemporary musicians to offer and express traditional Cuban music with a mix of New York Salsa right out to the dance floor.

In 2006, CUBANOSON released their debut CD titled "Recordando A Cuba" making it into 12 categories of the 2007 Latin Grammy Final Entry List and was declared the # 1 Son CD in England, Germany and Italy for the year. Among their original hit songs, "Cubanoson" and "Recordando A Cuba" have resounded worldwide and continue to receive airplay around the world via DJs, Radio Hosts of satellite, commercial and non-commercial radio and numerous other venues.

As an orchestra, CUBANOSON has been featured at numerous venues, and has performed at some incredible events including the International FIFI awards, the New York Giants at Giants Stadium, UNIVISION TV, Westchester's Emelin Theatre, numerous festivals in New York and New Jersey, New York's Latin Quarter, Nyack's West Gate Lounge, Club Winner Circle in Westbury, New York, The Empire City Casino, the New Jersey Cuban Day Parade Gala events several years, the New York Salsa Congress, and since 2007 yearly performances at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC).

This high-energy orchestra features the original instrumentation of traditional Son Montuno sextets, Baby Bass, Congas, Bongos, Trumpet, vocals and Tres Guitar, but since the beginning Papo's vision added an additional trumpet and piano similar to Johnny Pacheco, Sonora Matancera and Buena Vista Social Club, and then went even further to add a trombone to add a full brass ensemble into their music. The repertoire has evolved beyond tradition as CUBANOSON offers listeners and dancers dance music in three languages, Spanish, English and more recently in French.

CUBANOSON's music has been signed for several international compilations, dance instructional videos and in April of 2010, CUBANOSON debuted their latest CD, titled "RUMBA NUEVA." Music from both CDs have been called a DJ's or dancer's delight or outright party CDs. As a live orchestra, CUBANOSON caters to their clients and guests in the same fashion. This professional, high energy well dressed orchestra give your guests and your event a truly unforgettable experience.

We welcome forging long standing relationships with our clients, event planners, sponsors, recording labels, music managers and promoters.

Notable appearances

Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ - 2010
NY Hispanic Day Parade - UNIVISION float 2010
FIFI Awards - International Event NYC 2010
Opening act for ORO SOLIDO 2010
UNIVISION float on the NJ CUBAN DAY PARADE 2010.
Invited artist "WORLD STANDS WITH HAITI" NYC 2010.
Haitian PRIMEVERE FOUNDATION Gala.
Opening act for MILLY QUEZADA and JOHNNY VENTURA NJ 2009.
Opening act for EDDIE PALMIERI - 2009 NY Salsa Congress.
EMPIRE CITY CASINO, NY
UNIVISION - "Noticias Al Despertar" TV show.
NJPAC – New Jersey Performing Arts Center – SOLD OUT 4 consecutive years running.
LQ- Latin Quarter – New York, NY
HISPANIC HERITAGE GALA - New Windsor, NY
PARK THEATRE – Union City, NJ
WEST GATE LOUNGE – Nyack, NY - Multiple Appearances
Union City Summer Concerts – City, NJ - Yearly since 2007
CLUB WINNER CIRCLE – Westbury, NY - Multiple appearances.
LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL - Beacon, NY
NJ Cuban Day Parade Gala Event (2006,2007,2008)
Music Choice Network - Tropicales station.
XM Satellite Radio - Caliente station.

Notable awards:

IAIRA - Independent Artists - Top 15 2010 - Recordando A Cuba
Latin Grammy's final entry list - 2007 - 12 categories for our debut CD -
RECORDANDO A CUBA.
RECORDANDO A CUBA - Best Son CD 2007 in Germany, Italy & England !
PREMIO ARTE 2007 Band of the Year award.

Discography

RUMBA NUEVA - Self released 2nd CD - 2010
ROUGH GUIDE TO SALSA DANCE (UK) Compilation CD/DVD - 2010
CUBAN MOVES VOL.1 2009 - Munich, Germany - Dance Video
4th ANNIVERSARY DVD - 2008
LA NOCHE CUBANA VOL.27 (Italy) - Compilation CD - 2007
THE ROUGH GUIDE TO SALSA (UK) - Compilation CD. 2007
RECORDANDO A CUBA - Self Released debut CD - 2006

Corporate Clients Include:

NY Giants
New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)
NY Hispanic Day Parade
FeteNY
Brothers Management
City of Union City, NJ
City of West New York, NJ
Dalzell Productions
Empire City Casino
FIFI Int'l Awards
Impeccable Events LLC
L'Anolis Vert
New York Salsa Congress
Primevere Foundation
R&M Promotions
Rebeka Verea Foundation
Rutgers University
Salsa Sans Frontieres
TELEMUNDO TV
UNIVISION TV



Press Reviews

Impeccable Events LLC - "What a sound!"

"What a sound! Cubanason isn't just a band - it's a Latin orchestra and Papo isn't just the leader - he's the mastermind pianist behind the Cuban rhythm and soul that resonates from this unbelievable group of performers! Bringing the music of Cuba to life, their style of "danceable" Salsa (similar to that of the Buena Vista Social Club) is absolutely top notch and an incredible addition to any event. If your guests didn't walk in knowing how to dance, by the end of the night I can assure you they won't want to leave! Papo and Cubanason are a true class act and I can't wait to book them again!"

Ed Castaneda (New York, NY USA) - Cuban Music Lives!

Last Saturday it was my pleasure to hear Papo Ortega's Cubanason perform live at the Westgate Lounge, a popular Latin music and dance club in Westchester, New York, that features the best Latin bands including the best of the new. Cubanason performed songs from their new CD Recordando a Cuba. This new recording brings a fresh interpretation to a highly danceable style of music known as the "Son". The Son originated in Cuba in the early part of the 1900's and was popularized by orchestras like Arsenio Rodriguez y Su Conjunto, La Orquesta Aragon, Sonora Matancera and Jose Fajardo y Su Orquesta. This musical style spread like wild fire throughout the world and gave birth to El Son Montuno, and along with El Punto Cubano, is the origins of what we now know as Salsa and Charanga. Here is proof of the Son's powerful influence on Latin music today. Take a wonderfully fresh and modern musical journey through the heart, soul and rhythms of Cuba. Bravo Cubanason!

Cubanason Productions - Cubanason's CD # 1

In 2006, Cubanason's CD "Recordando A Cuba" was declared the # 1 Son CD in Italy, by Radio Vinilemania, # 1 Son CD in Germany by DJ Michael Peters and the # 1 CD in the United Kingdom by DJ Lubi. Other notable mentions include # 3 CD in the New York area by Latin Beat Magazine and the # 1 CD at Salsa Picante Radio, Viejoteca in Ontario, Canada has also declared Cubanason's CD as the # 12 Latin son CD for 2006. As of July 2008, Cubanason's Recordando A Cuba has been at the # 1 spot in Miami, FL www.elmixeo.com since January. Thanks to DJ Alex Gutierrez.

Pietro by Radio-Vinilemania - Decisamente un CD fantastico!!!

Assolutamente da non perdere!!! Musiche tradizionali cubane ottimamente riarrangiate dal pianista Papo Ortega e la sua Orchestra. 10 tracce una piu' bella dell'altra. Personalmente a me non piacere scrivere tanto sulla musica... la musica la si deve ascoltare... e questa musica VA' SICURAMENTE ASCOLTATA!!! CD richiestissimo e ascoltato anche in Italia dove è da subito entrato tra i TOP CD della mia radio!!!!

Editor's Pick www.descarga.com

Recordando A Cuba... Papo Ortega Presents: Cubanason CD (Cubanason Productions 001), Released 2006; Editor's Pick: Nice! An unexpected, all embracing, son-salsa release in the style the classic SAR recordings. In fact, most of the arrangements here are done by Manolo Albo one of the originators (Along with Roberto Torres and Sergio Bofil) of the SAR dynasty. The brainchild of pianist-singer Leonel "Papo" Ortega, Cubanason sports deep Tres driven grooves (Junior Rivera) fronted by seasoned singers who know what they are doing: Ernest Chico Alvarez, another SAR star, and the legendary Ronnie Baro (Africano, SonSublime, Broadway, Barretto etc.) who here revives the classic -Monsieur Jose —remember that from the recently reissued classic Sonido Solido? Papo Ortega can spin a fine, inviting, montuno, and sports a just-right vocal timber to fit right in with his other first-line singers. Cubanason has all the elements of the best old school dance material, and is earmarked to become a classic. With percussionist Luisito Quintero, bassist Willie Cintron, trumpeter and musical director Roberto Rodriguez and others who help make this one a very special acquisition.

Javier Suarez - El Especialito Newspaper- El policia que capturo en su piano al son Cubano.

Cubanason es el nombre de la orquesta que fundo el teniente de la policia de Union City, Leonel Ortega. Conocido en el campo artistic como Papo, el talento del official es respaldado por un grupo de musicos expertos y plasmado en el contenido del nuevo CD - Recordando A Cuba. Diez temas, diez motivos para no olvidar jamas esa hermosa rítmica de la isla. Diez canciones que en ingles, espanol y con coros en frances, le ensenan al mundo que los sentidos se vuelven uno solo, cuando se escuchan y se bailan las interpretaciones de la orquesta Cubanason. El CD ya esta a la venta y este autentico material puede ser adquirido en el internet, visitando la pagina www.cubanason.com. Alli también pueden contactar la orquesta y contratarla para convertir en inolvidable diversos eventos y fechas especiales. El Pianista Cubanason es una agrupacion musical Cubana creada por el pianista Leonel Papo Ortega. Este inspirado pianista y compositor ha tenido el privilegio de haber trabajado junto a varios musicos excepcionales, entre ellos, Roberto Rodriguez, Chico Alvarez, Junior Rivera, Jose Fajardo, y Candido Camero. Cubanason une el Punto Cubano con el Son Montuno trayendoles musicaailable Cubana a cualquier evento, (publico o privado), concierto o festival. El proposito de este conjunto es unir el talento y la dedicacion de excelentes musicos contemporaneos, (puros exponentes de nuestras raices), para poder brindarles y expresarles a las diferentes culturas nuestra musica tradicional Cubana. Cubanason rinde honores a todos los grandes artistas que nos han transmitido la mejor educacion musical. Para ellos y otros que nos han pasado nuestra musica a travez de las generaciones, continuaremos rindiendoles homenaje con la nueva agrupacion de musica Cubana en Nueva York, Cubanason !

LaConga.org - Altamente Recomendado

Desde una de las concentraciones de gente cubana mas grande de los Estados Unidos, despues de la Florida, Union City, New Jersey. El pianista americano-cubano Leonel Papo Ortega comparte con los melomanos del mundo su amor por la musica popular de la isla mas grande y controvertida del caribe, Cuba. Es de aplaudir el gran esfuerzo no solo musical y economico que implica "embarcarse" en la produccion de musica cubana tipica desde una capital industrial bombardeada por la nueva ola del reggeton que se difunde poderosamente desde las emisoras comerciales de Nueva York. El aplauso se extiende al revisar el repertorio musical y los personajes ya casi legendarios que son complices de esta produccion: Chico Alvarez de palomonte, Ronnie Baro de la Broadway, Roberto Rodriguez Jr., Luisito Quintero el percusionista mas completo y polifacetico que ha conocido la nueva generaci3n salsa de Venezuela, junto a ellos Junior Rivera, Willie Cintron, Oscar Onoz, Hiram Remon y Alexis Llerena. Cubanoson resume toda la nostalgia de ya casi dos generaciones de hijos de musicos cubanos establecidos en esa pequena republica independiente de Union City por el son tradicional de matamoros, repilado y arsenio y la continuidad de una musica "sublime" que estara presente e indestructible en medio de cada moda, fenomeno musical y nueva expresion que surga en el caribe o en las entrañas del monstruo, New York.

Cécile Beauchemin et Roger Lapalme - L'orchestration est parfaite

Nous a fait découvrir votre magnifique album Recordando a Cuba. Nous sommes sous le charme et ne cessons de l'écouter! L'orchestration est parfaite. Nous sommes éblouis par le piano, mais aussi par les cuivres, les percussions... On sent la saveur de Cuba, on retrouve ce qui nous fait tant aimer ce pays! Merci pour le plaisir qu'il nous donne. Cécile et Roger.

Musica Latina Online - CUBANOSON / Beste SON CD 2006!

Papo Ortega präsentiert seine Son/Salsa Band die in den USA beheimat ist. Wunderschöne neue und alte Sones und Guajiras aus Kuba. Einige Titel hat Papo selbst geschrieben. Diese CD ist eine unserer Favoriten bei Salsa Parties Sommer 2006! Musikalisch erste Sahne, excellente Musiker am TRES, PIANO, TROMPETEN usw...!



Current Musical Repertoire

CUBANOSON's current musical repertoire includes selections from our CDs as well as other standard songs:

A Bailar con Cubanoson
Amorosa Guajira
Caballo Viejo
Cantamos A Puerto Rico
Como Fue
Conga Tradicional
Cubanizate
Cubanoson
El Carretero
El Cuarto De Tula
En La Campina
Guajiro Soy
Guantanamera
Histoire d'un amour - French Historia de Un Amor - Spanish
La Fiesta
La Gallinita
Lagrimas Negras
Loco, Loco, Loco
Los Carreteros
Mi Son y Yo
Monsieur Jose
Mujeres De Mayari
No te Preocupes
On Y Va Tous A Danser - French
Preguntame Como Estoy
Que Mala Suerte
Quien Sera
Recordando A Cuba
Rumba Nueva
Santa Barbara
Son Bailadores
Sway - English
Traditional Conga (Conga line)
Tributo A Rodriguez
Voulez-Vous Danser

Please call us if you have any specific requests.

