



Luis Mario Ochoa

CUBAN QUINTET

“These exceptional musicians exemplified how to combine sensitivity and energy in their playing. It was also a pleasure to watch how they listened to and enjoyed each other's contributions to the whole.” (Live Music Report)

Coined “la crema de la crema of Cuban-Toronto musicians” (*WholeNote*), the Luis Mario Ochoa Cuban Quintet is one of the world’s most exciting Cuban music ensembles. Luis Mario Ochoa leads his quintet in performances renowned for virtuosity and incredible musicianship. The acoustic group features music ranging from rumba to samba, bolero to waltz, son to cha and their fresh performance approach is sizzling with “fire, finesse and authenticity” (*JazzTimes.com*).

The quintet has been featured in festivals in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, Halifax, St. John's among other cities. International highlights include Barbados Jazz Festival and Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club, NY. Recent performance highlights include Mount Allison University's Performing Arts Series, Huntsville Festival of the Arts, Elora Festival and TD Toronto Jazz Festival. This season, the quintet will appear at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts and will tour throughout British Columbia.

Born in Havana, and now based in Toronto, Luis has recorded three critically acclaimed albums. Songs from these recordings have since been featured in film and television shows including the TV series *Traders* and *The Associates*, the US production *Brave New Girl*, and Canadian production *Bailey's Billions*.

An avid collaborator, Mr. Ochoa formed his Cuban quintet and released the album, *Momentos Cubanos*. Featuring original and classic Latin American songs, the popular CD reached the # 2 spot on the world music charts at *Earshot Canada!* It is no wonder that the *Latin Jazz Network* noted “you simply cannot get enough of the music. That's how infectious it is.”

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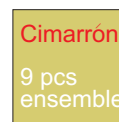
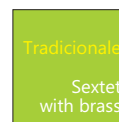
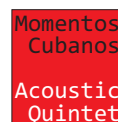


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