



Various Artists

[Jazz Cuba Today: Roberto Carcassés, Alexander Brown And Elmer Ferrer - DVD](#)

DVD (Unicornio) 2005

Live performance of three young and vital forces in contemporary Cuban jazz. Held at the Abdala studios in front of a small audience, the intimacy and immediacy of the show hits you right between the eyes. And man, are these guys good. Roberto Carcassés' solo piano set opens with a stunning adventure in melody and nuance as his montuno-like phrasing morphs over the length of the piece "Mecánica Cotidiana." Alexander Brown, a trumpeter, has a combo with drumset, piano and upright bass, and gently pushes the conventions of jazz further and further. Elmer Ferrer, an electric guitar player, leads a band consisting of electric bass, drumset, piano and percussion. His music straddles lines that typically separate jazz and rock; his intensity and virtuosity break down any imaginary barriers or labels that we like to assign. There's a bit of Mahavishnu Orchestra in there somewhere.

Loads of special features with profiles of other musicians and visual artists, interviews: Silvio Rodríguez, Chucho Valdés, Michael Legrand, Bobby Carcassés, Víctor Mesa, Javier Sotomayer, Reglia Torres, Ibrahim Miranda, Gilberto Smith, and Isabella Ferrer.

This is a wonderful production with one of the best designed on screen menu options I have seen on a DVD.

71 Minutes. All regions.

Very Highly Recommended. (BP, 18-Nov-05)

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