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PAQUITO D'RIVERA & MADRID-NEW YORK CONNECTION BAND

LA FLEUR DE CAYENNE

Paquito D'Rivera and the Madrid-New York Connection Band discover a tremendous blend of sounds from the musical worlds that these musicians span.

The magical world of the great Cuban-American woodwind master Paquito D'Rivera continues to expand. Over his seven decades in music, D'Rivera has become engaged with musicians hailing from locations all throughout the world. His most recent release, *La Fleur de Cayenne*, highlights his work with an ensemble of Cuban expatriates and a Colombian vibraphonist who call Madrid, Spain home with a group they call the Madrid-New York Connection Band.

D'Rivera has called the United States home since the early 1980s, his arrival creating a spark in New York City's jazz and Latin music communities. His interest in the music and collaborations with musicians from different origins have made D'Rivera a magnetic personality, continually attracting individuals interested in incorporating his brilliant sounds on clarinet and saxophone into their music.

In the late 1990s, D'Rivera was enjoying a quiet evening at his New Jersey home when a car pulled up nearby. A handful of young musicians called out to him, explaining that they were Cuban musicians living in Spain who wanted to see where D'Rivera lived. That was how D'Rivera met Pepe Rivero, a pianist and composer originally from Manzanillo, thus beginning a long and fruitful musical relationship.

Rivero introduced D'Rivera to other Cubans living in Spain, including drummer Georvis Pico, percussionist Yuvisney Aguilar, and bassist Reinier "El Negrón" Elizarde. While in Spain, D'Rivera would regularly reunite with these fantastic musicians along with the Colombian vibraphonist Sebastián Laverde.

TRACK LISTING

La Fleur de Cayenne | Miriam | Paq-Man in La Pampa | Vals Venezolano |
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MUSICIANS

PAQUITO D'RIVERA clarinet & alto saxophone
PEPE RIVERO piano
REYNIER ELIZARDE "EL NEGRÓN" contrabass
GEORVIS PICO drums
YUVISNEY AGUILAR percussion
SEBASTIAN LAVERDE vibraphone
ANTONIO SERRANO harmonica (tracks 2 & 8)

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