

THE HAVANA CUBA ALL-STARS: CUBAN NIGHTS

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:30 pm Tryon Festival Theatre

PROGRAM

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The Asere Friendship Tour

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Michel Padron—Trumpet 1 and Band Leader Vicente Arencibia—Congas and Lead Vocal Adolfo (Fito) Florian—Tres, Steel Guitar, and Vocals Eney Aranda—Congas, Bongos, and Vocals Yoan Sanchez—Timbal, Drums, and Bongos Eikel Venegas—Trombone and Trumpet 2

Ricardo (Piqui) Fernández—Lead Vocal and Percussion Alain Leon Fernandez—Bass and Lead vocal

Daniel Carnago—Tres, Bass, and Chorus

Raúl Bermúdez—Violin 1

Jorge L. Quevedo-Violin 2

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Corazón Vengan Todos A Bailar El Son Cacha Cha Cha Changui Pa Mi Gente La Flor Y La Hoja Seca El Cantante A Favor Del Viento

20-minute intermission

Romantica Palo Santo Yo Naci En Un Solar Luz Que No Alumbra Tumbao Sangreao Habanera

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PROGRAM NOTES

THE HAVANA CUBA ALL-STARS, a band comprised of Cuba's greatest and most prominent musicians, draw their inspiration from traditional Cuban *son* but devote themselves to promoting the entire tapestry of Cuban song and music. Also known as Asere (the Cuban word for "friendship"), the All-Stars maintain an acoustic base overlayed with a fresh sound and inventive songwriting while preserving the rich culture and traditions of the Cuban people. The *Cuban Nights* program represents Cuba's extraordinary musical legacy, a fitting introduction to the ensemble as it makes its debut tour in the United States.

CORAZÓN

Classic-sounding son written by Adan Pedroso. From the album *Cuban Soul*.

VENGAN TODOS A BAILAR EL SON

Contemporary son with the unique Asere sound. From the album *Destinos*.

CACHA CHA CHA CHA

The popular chachacha rhythm that inspired the world. From the album *Cuban Soul*.

CHANGUI PA MI GENTE

Son rhythm born from French-Haitian roots. From the album Destinos.

LA FLOR Y LA HOJA SECA

A beautiful ballad in the *Nueva Trova* style celebrating the path of the troubador in the *son* tradition.

EL CANTANTE

Mythical sonero track popular across Latin America. From the album *Junio Groove*.

A FAVOR DEL VIENTO

Mento-son from the Jamaican-Cuban connection. From the album *Destinos*.

ROMANTICA

Nueva Trova style composed especially for Asere It is the most broadcasted song in the band's career.

PALO SANTO

Classic son montuno sound written by the great sonero Henry Fiol.

YO NACI EN UN SOLAR

The worldwide famous *Rhythm Guaguancó* made fresh by Asere. Composed by Vicente Arencibia.

LUZ QUE NO ALUMBRA

Classic *son* written over 100 years ago by the great Cuban composer Miguel Matamoros.

TUMBAO SANGREAO

Contemporary son piece with a narrative on Cuba today. From the album *Junio Groove*.

HABANERA

Son-rumba piece dedicated to the women of Havana. Explosive finale!