

RMAL Latin Jazz Recommendations

From that amazing bulletin board called the Afro-Latin News Group, rec.music.afro-latin (you find it on Usenet, not World Wide Web), come the following recommendations for Latin Jazz recordings. This is a composite list by four of the most knowledgeable contributors to this news group in the area of Latin Jazz. This is not a consensus - a single vote qualifies a recording as a recommendation. Nor is it exhaustive, especially in the CLASSICS category.

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Please note that for a few of these, the label and/or release date information is unknown. These are marked with (?). If you happen to know this information, please send me appropriate comments.

CLASSICS

Duke Ellington	Juan Tizol's song "Caravan" 1937 D. Ellington: Vol.1 - Duke's Men - Small Group (SONY Music) 1991
Dizzy's Big Band in Concert	featuring Chano Pozo (GNP/Crescendo 23) 1948. Re-issued 1993
Kenny Dorham	Afro-Cuban (Blue Note CDP 7 46815 2) 1955. Re-issued 1987
Stan Kenton	Cuban Fire (Blue Note B2-96260) 1956. Re-issued 1991
Tito Puente	Top Percussion (RCA 802282) 1957. Re-Issued 1992
Sabu Martinez	Jazz Espagnole (BP 10-08) 1961. Re-issued 1998
Coleman Hawkins	Desafinado (Impulse 12272) 1962 Re-issued 1997
Stan Getz/Gilberto	Garota de Ipanema (Verve 8233611-2) 1963
Cal Tjader	Soul Sauce (Polygram 521668) 1964. Re-Issued 1994
Eddie Palmieri/Cal Tjader	El Sonido Nuevo (Verve 19812) 1966. Re-issued 1993

The Dave Brubeck Quartet	Bravo! Brubeck! (Columbia/Legacy CK 65723) 1967. Re-issued 1998
Dizzy Gillespie/Machito	Afro-Cuban Jazz Roots (OJC 447) 1976. Re-issued 1990
Bobby Paunetto	Commit to Memory (Tonga 8305/2) 1977. Re-issued 1998
Joao Gilberto	Amoroso/Brasil (Warner Bros. 9451652) 1977. Re-issued 1993.
Emiliano Salvador	Nueva Visin (Qbadisc QB 9018) 1979. Re-issued 1995
Charlie Palmieri	A Giant Step (Budda 003) 1984
Charlie Palmieri and The Ensemble of Latin Music Legends	Mambo Show (Tropical Budda Records 021) 1986. Re-issued 1990
Astor Piazzolla & Gary Burton	The New Tango (Atlantic 7 81823-2) 1987
The Original Mambo Kings	An Introduction to Afro-Cubop (Verve 314 513876-2) 1993
Chico O'Farrill	Cuban Blues (Verve 314 533 256-2) 1996(?)
Mongo Santamaria	Skin on Skin (Rhino 75689) 1999(?)
"The Cuban Roots (of the 70's)"	not on CD

THE 1990'S LATIN JAZZ EXPLOSION

Deep Rumba	The Night Becomes a Rumba (American Clave 1024) 1998
Eddie Palmieri	Vortex (RMD 82043) 1996 Palmas (Elektra 9-61649) 1994 Arete (Tropijazz 81657) 1995
Poncho Sanchez	A Night with Poncho(live) (Picante CCD-4558) 1993
Ralph Irrizarry	Ralph Irrizarry and Timbalaya (Shanachie 66010) 1998
Seis Del Solar/ Irrizarry	Alternate Roots (Messidor 15831) 1995
Batacumbele	Afro-Caribbean Jazz (Montuno 525). Release date unknown
Ft. Apache Band	Crossroads (Milestone 9225) 1994 Moliendo Cafe (Sunnyside 1061) 1992 Rumba Para Monk (Sunnyside SSC1036D) 1989
Ray Barretto	Contact (Blue Note 856974) 1997

Michel Camillo	Thru my Eyes (Tropijazz 82067) 1997
Giovanni Hidalgo	Worldwide (RMM/Sony 81056) 1993
Hilton Ruiz	A Moment's Notice (Novus BMG 3123-2-N) 1991
Paquito D'Rivera	Paquito D'Rivera & Arturo Sandoval - Reunin (Messidor 15805) 1990
Bobby Sanabria	N.Y.C. Ach! (Flying Fish FF70630) 1993
Tito Puente	Live at Birdland (RMM 82270) 1998 Tito's Idea (Tropijazz 81571) 1995 Special Delivery (Picante/Concord 4732) 1996
Mario Bauza	Tanga (Messidor 15819-2) 1992; re-issued(?) 944 Columbus (Messidor 15828) 1994 My Time Is Now (Messidor 15824) 1993
Danilo Prez	Panamonk (Impulse/GRP 190) 1996 The Journey (Novus BMG 63166-2) 1994
Jesus "Chucho" Valds	Lucum (Messidor 15976-2) 1986 (not 1988? reissued 91?) Bele Bele en La Habana (Blue Note 23082) 1998 Briyumba Palo Congo (Blue Note 98917) 1999
Conrad Herwig	The Latin Side of John Coltrane (Astor Place 4003) 1996
Luis Bonilla and the Latin Jazz All Stars	Pasos Gigantes (Candid 79507) 1991
Afro Blue Band	Impressions (Milestone 9237) 1995
Irakere	Misa Negra (Messidor 15972) 1987
Rodrguez & Rendon Latin Jazz Orchestra	Havana Blues (Palmetto Records 2034) 1998
Roy Hargrove's Crisol	Habana (Verve/Poly 537563) 1997
Gonzalo Rubalcaba	Suite 4 y 20 (Blue Note 80054) 1993
Hilario Duran & Cuban Jazz All Stars	Killer Tumbao (Justin Time 101-2) 1997
The New Cuban Jazz El Greco y su Quinteto	Top Secret, Volume 1 (?)
Bebo Valds	Bebo Rides Again (Messidor 15834) 1995
Poncho Sanchez	A Night with Poncho (live) (?)
Bobby Matos	Footprints (CuBop 005) 1996

Andres Boiarsky	Into the Light (Reservoir 149) 1997
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BRAZILIAN

Claudio Roditi	Jazz Turns Samba (Groovin High 1012-2) 1994 Claudio Rio and Friends (Groovin' High 1013-2) 1996
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Trio Da Paz	Brazil From the Inside (Concord Picante ccd-4524) 1992
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Raul De Souza (with Conrad Herwig)	Rio (Mix House h0004) 1999
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Joanne Brackeen	Depth of Brazil (Concord Picante ccd-4479) 1991
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Nova Bossa Nova	Jazz Influence (Arkadia Jazz 71241) 1997
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Victor Assis Brazil	Jobim (Atr 32006) 1970. Re-issued 1998
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Leny Andrade	Luz Neon (Timeless 11014) 1990
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Don Pullen & The African- Brazilian Connection	Kele Mou Bana (Blue Note 7981662) 1992
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Ike Quebec	Soul Samba (Blue Note 4114) 1962. Re-issued 1996
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Gilson Schachnik	Raw (Brownstone 9808) 1998
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AVANT GARDE LATIN JAZZ

Experiments beyond traditional Afro-Cuban rhythms:

Omar Sosa	Spirits of the Roots (Ota 1005) 1999
Tony Martinez	La Habana Vive (Blue Jackel 5026-2) 1998 Maferefun (Blue Jackel 5033-2) 1999
David Sanchez	Obsesin (Columbia 69116) 1998
David Sanchez	The Departure (Columbia 476507) 1995
Jorge Pardo y Chano Dominguez	10 de Paco (?)
William Cepeda	My Roots and Beyond (Blue Jackel 5028-2) 1998
Hector Martignon	Retrato en Branco e Preto (Candid 79727) 1996 aka Portrait of Black and White The Foreign Affair (Candid 79746) 1998
Edward Simon	La Bikina (Mythology Records 10982) 1998
Danilo Perez	The Journey (Silvertone 63166) 1994
Hermeto Pascoal	So nao Toca (Intuition 20192) 1992
John Santos	Machetazo! (Bembe 20182) 1998
Steve Berrios and Son Bacheche	First World (Milestone 9234) 1994
Oaktown Irawo	Funky Cubonics (Tonga 8303) 1998
Charlie Sepulveda	Algo Nuestra (Verve 512768) 1993
Charlie Sepulveda	The New Arrival (Verve 510056) 1991

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Papo Vasquez	Breakout (Timeless 311) 1993
Yeska	Skafrocuban jazz (Axtlan 1501) 1998
Richie Zellon	Caf Con Leche (Songosaurus 724772) 1994
Jorge Sylvester	MusiCollage (Post 1101) 1996
Mario Rivera	El Comandante...the Merengue Jazz (Groovin' High 1011-2) 1994