

Jose "Pepe" Espinosa

Drummer, Percussionist, Educator

Born in Havana (Cuba) in 1974 began my musical studies at age 4 years with my father "Pepin Drum" one of the greatest Drummers in Cuba in that era, then move on to study at the Conservatory of Music in Havana "Adolfo Guzmán"

Already at the age of 12 years started my first professional experience with the Cuban Conjunto "Conjunto Saratoga" as Bongo Player.

I am an admirer of Music in all its extension thanks to that i have played with many internationally renowned orchestras of different musical genres such as Latin Jazz, Pop, Reggae, Rock and World Music.

Tours

-1995-Grupo "Los Dada" , Italy

-1996-Grupo "Bamboleo" Participating in important festivals in Europe and United States.

Cubanísimo Berlin. Midsummer Jazz Lincoln Center Festival in New York.

-2000-Frank Emilio Flynn & "Los Amigos" Jazz Festival in Charleston (South Carolina) United States. Numerous concerts throughout much of Germany.

Afro Cuban All Stars-Europe Tournée

-2001-Azucar Negra/Lincoln Center (New York) Copacabana Club (Manhattan) USA

-2002-"Grupo"Klimax" (Giraldo Piloto) Pop Corn" Munich. Europe Tournée

-2004-"Afro Cuban All Stars" Participating in numerous jazz festivals in many cities in Europe, Central America & United States of America.

-2005-"Cubanismo" (Jesus Alemañi) Many toured several cities in Asia and United States.

BB King (New York) Blue Note (New York) S.O.B's (New York)

-2006-Jerry Gonzalez & "Los Piratas Del Flamenco" performing in many cities in Spain. Along with figures of the great salsa (singers) from around the world such as Tito Nieves, Henry Fiol, Tony Vega, Roberto Blades, Pedro Brull and " La Mulense" Cano Estremera

(El Albino) Eddy Santiago, Paquito Guzmán, Adalberto Santiago, Luisito Carrión, Rey Ruiz, Roberto Blades, Grupo Niche de Colombia, among others.

-2007-Performing numerous concerts in Stockholm (Sweden) Latin Groove (Hernan Lugano)

Hovedoen Social Club (Sverre Indris Joner)

-2008-With Jari Sillanpaa, one of the most greatest Pop singers in Scandinavia, several tour

around almost all Finland.

- 2009-Afro Cuban All Stars USA tournée around USA. Singapore Sun Festival at Esplanade Theatre
- Afro Cuban All Stars Canadian Tour.
- Arturo Sandoval-Europe Tour:
 - Matosinhos JazzFestival (Portugal)
 - Den Atelier Jazz Club (Luxemburg)
 - Sibiu Jazz Festival (Rumania)
- 2010-2011-Afro Cuban All Stars USA tour around Asia,Oceania & USA.
- 2013-2016-Robert Hurst Quintet (USA)

Discography:

- Yo No Me Parezco a Nadie (Lazaro Valdés & Bamboleo)
- Malecón (Isaac Delgado)
- Boomerang (Habana Abierta)
- A Puerto Padre (Juan Manuel Ceruto)
- A Boniatillo Limpio (Eduardo Lopez “Boniatillo”)
- La Rumba soy yo Vol 2 (Latin Grammy Nomination)
- En El Aire (Aláin Pérez)
- Pobrecita de Mi (Ana Belén)
- Bluelagoon (Club Lagoon) included # 1 Hit “ Break My Stride”
- Oye Como Va (Giraldo Piloto & Grupo Klimax)
- Pablo Querido (Pablo Milanés)
- Gracias Joe Cuba (Nils Fisher & Timbazo)
- Doble Jugada (Fabian Nodarse)
- Que Viva Noruega! (Sverre Indris & Hovedoen Social Club)
- Hay Caramba (Hovedoen Social Club)
- Two Ways (Mark De Jong & Latineo)
- Los Viejos De La Salsa. (Ralph Irizarry)
- Casa Versailles (Tumbao Bravo)
- Elemental. (Aguanko)
- Latin Jazz Christmas in Havana. (Aguanko)
- Pattern Recognition (Aguanko)
- Black Current Jam. (Robert Hurst)

