



MARIO CASTRO QUINTET / STRINGS



ESTRELLA DE MAR
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MARIO CASTRO FILMED BY CHRISTOPHER DESANTY
AVATAR STUDIOS, NEW YORK CITY, NY / DECEMBER 17TH, 2013

01 / PILARES / 5:24
DVD CHAPTER 06 / SONG FIVE

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST:

DAVID SÁNCHEZ / TENOR SAXOPHONE

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO

STRING CO-ARRANGEMENT BY:

MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

GABO LUGO / CONGAS, CHIMES, UDU

PAULO STAGNARO / IYÁ, ITOTELE, OKONKOLO, DJEMBE

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

FUNG CHERN HWEI / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

STRING SECTION OVERDUBS:

TANIA MESA / VIOLIN

ANNA STROMER / VIOLA

RO ROWAN / CELLO

02 / SHMERLS / 7:38
DVD CHAPTER 03 / SONG TWO

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST:

CASEY BENJAMIN / VOCODER

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

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JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

FUNG CHERN HWEI / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

DAVID SÁNCHEZ FILMED BY SETH WOOD
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03 / INTERLUDE: CRY OF A GYPSY / 1:30

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

GIL CASTRO

TRANSCRIPTION & STRING ADAPTATION BY:

MARIO CASTRO

STRING SECTION:

TANIA MESA / VIOLINS

ANNA STROMER / VIOLA

RO ROWAN / CELLO

04 / ESTRELLA DE MAR / 4:43

DVD CHAPTER 02 / SONG ONE

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS:

J. HOARD & JAIME WOODS / VOCALS

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / FLUGELHORN

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

GABO LUGO / CONGAS, CHIMES, UDU

PAULO STAGNARO / IYÁ, ITOTELE, OKONKOLO, DJEMBE

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

FUNG CHERN HWEI / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

CASEY BENJAMIN FILMED BY SETH WOOD
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05 / RESENTMENT / 4:11

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO

STRING CO-ARRANGEMENT BY:

MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

TOMOKO OMURA / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

STRING SECTION OVERDUBS:

TANIA MESA / VIOLIN

ANNA STROMER / VIOLA

RO ROWAN / CELLO

06 / COFFEE / 2:28

DVD CHAPTER 05 / SONG FOUR

COMPOSITION & LYRICS BY:

YUNALIS MAT ZARA'AI

FROM THE ALBUM:

DECORATE (EP) / 2012

COURTESY OF: FADER LABEL

PUBLISHED BY: EXTRA COLD BE WARM (BMI)

ADMINISTERED BY: SONY / ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING

STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO & MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

FUNG CHERN HWEI / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

J. HOARD & JAIME WOODS FILMED BY ARTHUR JOHNSON
THE BUNKER STUDIO, BROOKLYN, NY / APRIL 27TH, 2014



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AVATAR STUDIOS, NEW YORK CITY, NY / DECEMBER 17TH, 2013

07 / INTERLUDE: OPPOSITE DIRECTION, PART II / 0:47

DVD CHAPTER 01 / INTRO SONG

FEATURING:

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO

WITH:

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

TOMOKO OMURA / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO



08 / MICHELANGELO / 5:48

DVD CHAPTER 07 / OUTRO SONG

COMPOSITION & LYRICS BY SPECIAL GUEST:

EMILY ELBERT / VOCALS & GUITAR

FROM THE ALBUM:

ALIVE, IN LOVE / 2012

COURTESY OF: FULL SUN RECORDS

PUBLISHED BY: EMILY ELBERT MUSIC PUBLISHING (ASCAP)

STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO & MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / FLUGELHORN

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

TOMOKO OMURA / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

EMILY ELBERT PHOTOGRAPHED BY SASHA ARUTYUNOVA

MASON JAR MUSIC, BROOKLYN, NY / JULY 15TH, 2013

09 / ENTRAPMENT / 4:50
DVD CHAPTER 04 / SONG THREE

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST:
DAVE LIEBMAN

COMPOSITION & STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:
MARIO CASTRO

STRING CO-ARRANGEMENT BY:
MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:
MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE
JOSH SHPAK / FLUGELHORN
TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS
KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO
JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:
KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN
FUNG CHERN HWEI / VIOLIN
ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA
BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

10 / I MISS YOU / 5:14

COMPOSITION BY:
JONATHAN PINSON

STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:
MARIO CASTRO

STRING CO-ARRANGEMENT BY:
MERITXELL NEDDERMANN

WITH:
MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE
JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET
TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS
KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO
JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:
KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN
TOMOKO OMURA / VIOLIN
ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA
BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

DAVE LIEBMAN FILMED BY SETH WOOD
AVATAR STUDIOS, NEW YORK CITY, NY / DECEMBER 17TH, 2013

11 / STORYTELLER / 5:13

COMPOSITION BY:

MARIO CASTRO & DAVID NEVES

STRING ARRANGEMENT BY:

MARIO CASTRO

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

JOSH SHPAK / TRUMPET

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS

STRING SECTION:

KAILEY SHAFFER / VIOLIN

TOMOKO OMURA / VIOLIN

ALLYSON CLARE / VIOLA

BRIAN SANDERS / CELLO

JONATHAN PINSON FILMED BY ERAN SHAYSH
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12 / GOODBYE / 2:18

COMPOSITION BY:

JONATHAN PINSON

WITH:

MARIO CASTRO / TENOR SAXOPHONE

TAMIR SHMERLING / UPRIGHT BASS

KYUMIN SHIM / PIANO

JONATHAN PINSON / DRUMS



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DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH, 2013

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ESTRELLA DE MAR

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE PRESENT WITHOUT FIRST ACKNOWLEDGING THE PAST. MANY HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE PASSIONATE PROFESSORS OF LA ESCUELA LIBRE DE MÚSICA DE HUMACAO FOR NOT ONLY TEACHING ME MY FIRST NOTES ON THE SAXOPHONE, BUT FOR KEEPING PUERTO RICO'S FINEST MUSICAL INSTITUTION ALIVE AND VIBRANT. THANKS, AS WELL, TO EDWIN SANTIAGO AND LA BANDA MUNICIPAL DE HUMACAO FOR OFFERING A POSITIVE PLATFORM OF YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAMS. MY GREATEST, MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MY FAMILY - FLOR, GIL, GILBERT, AND DELIANA - FOR ALWAYS BEING PRESENT, WITH LOVE, IN MY CONSCIENCE AND SPIRIT.

EACH TEAM MEMBER IS ESSENTIAL IN SUCH AN EXTENSIVE PROJECT. HUGE GRATITUDE TO JOSH, TAMIR, KYUMIN, AND JONATHAN FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND PATIENCE... I THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS AND FOR YOUR TIME & FRIENDSHIP! LIKEWISE, TO THE AMAZING STRING MUSICIANS ON THIS ALBUM - KALEY, CHERN HWEI, ALLYSON, BRIAN, TOMOKO, TANIA, ANNA, AND RO - THANK YOU FOR OFFERING YOUR MUSICIANSHIP WITH SUCH RESPECTFUL DEDICATION. DEEP THANKS TO GABO AND PAULO FOR THEIR PASSIONATE, MOTIVATED INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALBUM, AND THEIR GREAT PERCUSSION WORK. CHRIS DESANTY AND HIS TEAM AT GIPSY PIXEL (SHAYSH, SETH, MAXIMILIAN, AND BAMS) DID AMAZING WORK, AND I THANK THEM FOR DELIVERING SUCH ARTFUL AND ENGAGING VIDEOS. A GRATEFUL NOD TO ARTHUR, TOO, FOR HELPING FILM IN BROOKLYN. DEEP GRATITUDE TO JAMES WILLETTS, WHO RECORDED OUR ALBUM WITH SUCH CARE AND EXPERTISE, AND TO DAVE DARLINGTON, FOR ENSURING THAT IT WAS MIXED TO TOTAL PERFECTION. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE OTHER AUDIO PROFESSIONALS WHO HELPED MAKE ESTRELLA DE MAR SOUND SO BEAUTIFUL: TIM, RYAN, YASSER, ALEX, MIKE, DEVON, AND JOHN... THANK YOU ALL! RICARDO CABRET DESERVES SPECIAL MENTION FOR HIS DEDICATION AND FOR CONTRIBUTING HIS AMAZING ART WORK TO THE ALBUM DESIGN. THANKS, AS WELL, TO PHOTOGRAPHERS LAUREN, CHRISTOPHER, AND SASHA, FOR BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURING GREAT MOMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE STUDIO. MOST ESPECIALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE AMAZING MERITXELL NEDDERMANN FOR HER DEEP INSPIRATION, AND FOR GIVING THE ARRANGEMENTS A SPECIAL TOUCH THAT ONLY HER GREAT TALENT CAN PROVIDE.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO OUR SPECIAL GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS, WHO SO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED THEIR AMAZING MUSICIANSHIP AND TIME TO HELP MAKE ESTRELLA DE MAR A REMARKABLE RECORDING. DAVID SÁNCHEZ, CASEY BENJAMIN, J. HOARD, JAIME WOODS, AND DAVE LIEBMAN - I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO JONATHAN PINSON AND DAVID NEVES FOR HELPING WRITE SOME OF THE BEST MATERIAL ON THE ALBUM. AND, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO TWO INCREDIBLE SONGWRITERS: EMILY ELBERT, (WHOSE LYRICS, VOCALS, AND PLAYING ARE BEYOND COMPARE), AND YUNA (WHOSE SONG "COFFEE" BLOWS ME AWAY ON EVERY LISTEN).

BIG UP TO DAVE D'ARANJO AND HIS LABEL INTERORBANG RECORDS FOR SUCH DEEP SUPPORT AND TRUST. I THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR GRANTING US COMPLETE ARTISTIC FREEDOM AND FOR KEEPING THE SHIP AFLOAT!

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ONCE AGAIN, I THANK ALL MI FAMILIA AROUND THE WORLD - CHERISHED FRIENDS WHO HAVE NEVER FAILED TO BLESS ME WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND SUPPORT. FINALLY, OF COURSE, A BIG THANKS TO YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY ALBUM, ESTRELLA DE MAR!

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