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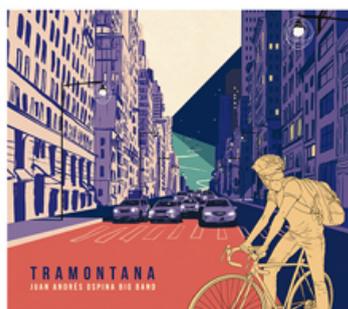
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Currently living in between New York and Bogotá, Juan Andrés Ospina is one of the most active and prominent exponents of an outstanding generation of Colombian musicians. For the past 15 years he has led an intense and versatile career as a world-wide touring pianist, band leader, composer, arranger, film composer, comedian and producer of renowned albums by internationally acclaimed artists such as Sofia Ribeiro (Portugal), Marta Gómez (Colombia) and Luisa Sobral (Portugal). His music for big band has been performed by important orchestras such as the WDR Big Band (Germany), the Tiptoe Big Band (Denmark), the Bogotá Big Band (Colombia), the UMO Jazz Orchestra (Finland), the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra (USA), the Paquito D’Rivera Carnegie Hall “Latin Traditions” Orchestra and the Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band (USA).



TRAMONTANA

Released on April 20, 2018, Tramontana is the extraordinary fulfillment of nearly a decade of dreaming and a lifetime’s immersion in music. It reunites 26 incredible musicians from 13 different countries amongst whom is the great Paquito D’Rivera, Colombian singer Lucia Pulido and Portuguese singer Sofia Ribeiro.



HIGHLIGHTED RECENT PERFORMANCES

Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band

Dizzy’s Coca-Cola (Jazz at Lincoln Center)
(New York City, USA), Oct 18 2018 and Sep 30 2019
*special guests:
Paquito D’Rivera, Lucia Pulido, Sofia Rei, Sofia Ribeiro, Magda Giannikou

Juan Andrés Ospina + WDR Big Band

Hildener Jazztage
(Düsseldorf, Germany), June 2 2018

“Pure Sounds”, Gloria Theatre
(Cologne, Germany), May 30 2018

Juan Andrés Ospina + Tiptoe Big Band

Musikhuset Posten
(Odense, Denmark), Nov 13 2018

Atlas
(Aarhus, Denmark), Nov 14 2018

“Jazz in Ribe”
(Ribe, Denmark), Nov 17 2018



PRESS

"Listeners who studiously avoid all-original CDs need not fear getting mired in any private, self-satisfied noodling; rather, Tramontana features a solid, propulsive coherence, a blend of fire and heart, driven by international rhythms and flair."

Dr. Judith Schlesinger, All About Jazz (USA)

"Juan Andrés Ospina enriches music in incalculable ways. First there is his attractive way with melody, which he enriches with the kind of flirtatious rhythm that makes these melodies impossible to resist falling in love with. Then there is sense of "the delicious", which, to one's mind, is that certain something that makes some musicians like "master chefs" who can impart an almost tactile sense to musical harmony; something that makes one not only 'feel' their music, but almost "taste" its hidden delights."

Raul Da Gama, World Music Report (USA)

"Tramontana creates such a unique palette of sounds and feelings that I found myself dislodged from the big band rut and feeling like I discovered a new frontier in jazz. It blew me away, like a gale force wind. Use THAT as a pull quote. I dare you."

Marc Phillips, The Vinyl Anachronist (USA)

"What's striking on this disc is the songfulness of Ospina's writing and the musician's performances, as well as the unexpected, and in some cases unidentifiable, textures of the arrangements. This isn't slam-bang big band writing (...) the rhythm section moves along blithely, as if unaware of the complicated re-harmonizations it is being called on to accompany. I've not heard anything like it."

Michael Ullman, Arts Fuse (USA)

"From his South American origins, Juan Andrés Ospina has preserved the art of subtle melodies, languid and swirling rhythms. In the New York musical universe, he has cultivated his sense of understanding with a very unique taste. He found musicians at the height of his ambitions to deliver one of the most interesting orchestral jazz records in recent months."

Tierry Giard, Culture Jazz (France)

JUAN ANDRÉS OSPINA BIG BAND VIDEOS

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1. "Todavía no" (Juan Andrés Ospina big band feat. Paquito D'Rivera)
2. "Ver Llover" (Juan Andrés Ospina big band feat. Lucia Pulido)
3. "Tramontana", album's trailer #3 (Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band)
4. "Tramontana", album's trailer #4 (Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band)
5. "Tramontana", album's trailer #2 (Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band)
6. Juan Andrés Ospina Big Band, live at "Dizzy's Coca-Cola" Jazz at Lincoln Center (New York City, USA). Oct 18 2018
7. WDR Big Band + Juan Andrés Ospina and Magda Giannikou Live at the Gloria Theatre (Cologne, Germany). May 30 2018
8. "Todavía no", Juan Andrés Ospina rehearsing with the WDR Big Band

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