



2013 GRAMMY NOMINATED 'Best Latin Jazz'

# MANUEL VALERA & NEW CUBAN EXPRESS

NEW RELEASE **EXPECTATIVAS**

*"He leaves no doubt that he is destined to play a role in the future of jazz." —Philip Van Vleck, Billboard*

**the recording** *Expectativas*—the follow up to Manuel Valera's 2013 Grammy nominated *New Cuban Express* marks Valera's seventh record as a leader with his group and represents his continued growth as a composer, pianist and bandleader. This recording takes the songwriting even deeper with extensive time shifting, liberal use of odd meters, genuine Timbajazz and consists of eleven Valera originals and one cover, focusing on material derived from the Afro-Cuban tradition.

MANUEL **VALERA** | Piano, Fender Rhodes, Synths  
YOSVANY **TERRY** | Alto & Soprano Saxophone, Chekere (except 8)  
TOM **GUARNA** | Electric and Acoustic Guitar  
JOHN **BENITEZ** | Electric Bass  
LUDWIG **AFONSO** | Drums  
PAULO **STAGNARO** | Percussion on 2-10 and 12  
MAURICIO **HERRERA** | Batas on 6, Percussion on 1 and 11  
Special Guest:  
MANUEL **VALERA** (Sr.) | Alto Saxophone on 8

**the band** Manuel Valera & New Cuban Express is a project deeply influenced by the experiments of Cuban artists from the 70s and 80s. While inspired by artists Irakere, Emiliano Salvador and AfroCuba, this working band creates a unique and distinctive style that mixes elements of Jazz, R&B, fusion and funk with Cuban music styles.

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- 1 CHAMBER TIMBA 4:16
- 2 EXPECTATIVAS 6:26
- 3 PERCEPTION 7:20
- 4 CHENNAI EXPRESS (FOR S.A.M.) 5:55
- 5 INTRO TO ISABELITA 1:13
- 6 ISABELITA 7:02
- 7 JBN TIMBUS (FOR JOHN BENITEZ) 6:49
- 8 LA GLORIA ERES TU 5:17
- 9 EN CINCO 8:31
- 10 OPEN WINDOW 4:57
- 11 DESCARGA PARA FRANK EMILIO 5:37
- 12 LAS AMERICAS 2:59
- TOTAL TIME 66:17

**STREET DATE** SEPTEMBER 3, 2013  
**ARTIST** MANUEL VALERA  
& NEW CUBAN EXPRESS  
**TITLE** EXPECTATIVAS  
**CATALOG #** MAVO 1105  
**FILE UNDER** LATIN JAZZ, WORLD  
**UPC** 8 84501 95739 7

**SUGGESTED  
RADIO TRACKS** 1, 2, 4, 6, 11

## latest press quotes

**"If you are reading these lines ten years from the time that this was recorded, I won't be at all surprised if Expectativas is considered part of the birth of something not yet named. If you have the good fortune to be present at the creation, drop whatever else you are doing, prepare to experience something memorable, and decide for yourself whether this is merely some of the best Latin Jazz you have ever heard or something more than that.**

—Bill Tilford, Timba.com