

Abre Camino

Michael 'Tartaruga' Mittersteiner

A portrait of Michael 'Tartaruga' Mittersteiner, a man with dreadlocks, wearing a dark suit jacket over a patterned shirt. He is looking down at a large, light-colored drum (likely a bongo or similar) which he is playing with his hands. The background is dark.

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Louis Sanou • Mestre Xux • Machou Sanou
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Schon immer galt meine Leidenschaft der folkloristischen Musik. Speziell der aus Kuba und Brasilien. Im Laufe der Jahre durfte ich aber auch Stile aus anderen Gebieten kennenlernen, die meinen musikalischen Horizont extrem erweiterten. Dies war nicht nur der Musik selbst, sondern auch den Menschen, denen ich dabei begegnete, zu verdanken.

Genau diese Menschen, von denen viele gute Freunde geworden sind, leben meist auf der ganzen Welt verteilt. Die Organisation von Konzerten gestaltet sich dadurch relativ schwierig.

Also beschloss ich die Sache anzupacken, meinen inneren Durst nach dieser Musik zu befriedigen und ein Album aufzunehmen.

Jede Nummer dreht sich um einen bestimmten Gastmusiker. Percussion und Gesang. Folklore, ohne sich jedoch von zu vielen „Regeln“ einschränken zu lassen.

Wann immer jemand auf Tour oder in der Nähe war, haben wir eine Studiosession organisiert. Falls dies nicht möglich war, haben wir mit Studios im Ausland zusammengearbeitet. Bis das letzte Stück eingespielt war, vergingen fast zwei Jahre.

In dieser Zeit durfte ich viele alte Freunde wieder treffen und einige neue kennenlernen. An dieser Stelle auch gleich ein großes und ehrliches „**DANKE!**“ an alle Mitwirkenden für viel Engagement, Unterstützung und oft auch nur den Spaß, den wir zusammen hatten.

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percussion, lead vocals, choir

Milagros Pineira
lead vocals

Haider Khan
tabla

Louis Sanou
balafon, djembe, doundoun

Mestre Xuxo
lead vocals, Berimbau

Machou Sanou
lead vocals

CM Tamarindo
lead vocals

Christian Lettner
drums

Alberto Caicedo
lead vocals

Michael 'Tartaruga'
Mittersteiner

percussion, choir,
arrangements, producer

Christa Mittersteiner
choirmaster, vocal arrangements,
choir

**Jugendchor der Musikschule
der Stadt Linz**

Choir

Catalina Morales Gonzales
choir

Taketchi Fuentes
choir

Porfilio Maure Disotual
choir

Markus Lindner
choir

Felix Sanou
choir

My passion has always been folklore music. Especially from Cuba and Brazil.

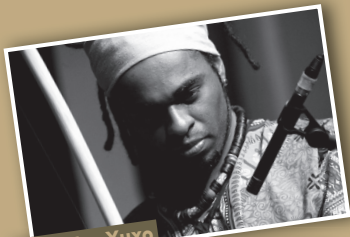
Over the years, however, I was also able to get to know styles from other areas, which greatly expanded my musical horizon. This was not only due to music itself, but also to the people I met along the way.

Exactly these people, many of whom have become good friends, mostly live all over the world. This makes organizing concerts relatively difficult. So, I decided to go for it, satisfy my inner thirst for this music and record an album.

Each title is featuring a special guest musician. Percussion and vocals. Folklore, but without being restricted by too many 'rules'. Whenever someone was on tour or nearby, we organized a studio session. If this was not possible, we worked with studios abroad. It took almost two years until the last piece was recorded.

During this time, I was able to meet many old friends again and get to know some new ones. At this point I would like to say a big and sincere 'THANK YOU' to all those involved for their commitment, support and often just the fun we had together





Mestre Xuxo



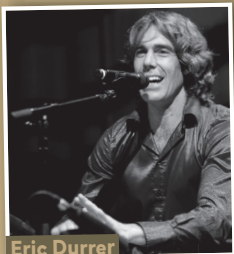
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Christian Lettner



Haider Khan



Eric Durrer



Machou Sanou



Milagros Pineira



Louis Sanou



CM Tamarindo



Reinhard Brunner

Louis Sanou



Christa Mittersteiner

- 1 Abre Camino (Opening)** 3:30
feat.: Eric Durrer
- 2 Talking Bells** 4:08
feat.: Milagros Pineira
- 3 Dancing Fingers** 4:16
feat.: Haider Khan
- 4 Balima** 3:40
feat.: Louis Sanou, Machou Sanou
- 5 Two Strings** 2:51
feat.: Mestre Xuxo
- 6 Tambo** 4:13
feat.: Mestre Xuxo
- 7 Umba-Ing...!** 5:40
feat.: Christian Lettner
- 8 Baqueta Axé** 4:52
feat.: CM Tamarindo
- 9 La Topa (Closing)** 4:30
feat.: Alberto Caicedo,
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