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# Latin Nights

A FILM BY Anthony Azzopardi

with Tito Puente,
Memo Acevedo
and others



Latin Nights brings to you the pulsating spectrum of Latin American Music. Experience Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Brazilian Jazz, Samba, Tango, Canto Nuevo and indigenous folk music from the Andean mountains on this stylishly filmed musical documentary. Peer into the nightclubs, coffee houses and performance halls where the rhythms and the cool, seductive melodies of the music reverberate.

Through a series of eleven full-length concert performances, we celebrate the rich musical tradition of Latin America, and pay tribute to accomplished Latin musicians, who through their music, maintain their cultural identity in a new country. Witness the creative process and musical results as we follow these musicians into their homes for a behind-the-scenes look at the commitment, struggles and passion of their lives. *Latin Nights* showcases the hopes, the politics and the promise of a new life while maintaining the musical tradition, heritage and values of these dedicated musicians and their native lands thousands of miles away.

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### THE EXPLODING LATIN MARKETPLACE

Featuring Tito Puents Memo Acevedo, Cocada & others...

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- Latin Music has crossed cultures with world-renowned artists including Tito Puente, Santana, Celiz Cruz, Julio Iglesias and Thalia
- Latinos are the largest ethnic group in the United States, with an estimated population of over 40 million
- The ten states with the largest Latin markets by spending power were California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and New Mexico
- More than 1/8 of the people in the United States are of Latin origin
- Latinos account for 40% of the country's population growth between 1990 and 2000
- U.S. Latino purchasing power has surged nearly \$700 billion and is projected to reach as much as \$1 trillion by 2007
- The number of prosperous Hispanic households—those with incomes of at least \$100,000 rose 137% between 1990 and 2000

### **DVD BONUS FEATURES**

- Extensive Information of the Ten Genres of Latin American Music
- Directors Biography
- Digitally Mastered Audio and Video
- Dolby Digital Stereo Audio
- Multi-directional Interactive Menus
- Instant Access to Performances
- Instant Access to Scenes

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# Cuba Mia:

Portrait of an All-Woman Orchestra

### **MARKETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Critics have called this film "A Young Female First Cousin of the Buena Vista Social Club".
- · Now being broadcast nationally on PBS
- Winner of over 14 film awards and distinctions, including the 2003 Silver Screen Award, U.S. International Film and Video Festival and the 2004 Best Cinematography, New York International Independent Film & Video Festival.

### **ABOUT THIS FILM**

Cuba Mia captures the music of Cuba as you have never seen before. This is a story of the amazingly talented and spirited musicians of Camerata Romeu, an all women orchestra, filled with dazzling faces and fiery performances that will astonish and delight you. Led by Zenaida Romeu, one of the world's most gifted conductors, their music infuses everything from Cuban folk to Mozart, drawing on the popular rhythms of the island taken from Africa, Spain and Latin America.

Funny, angry, lyrical and moving, *Cuba Mia* takes you behind the scenes as ten dedicated musicians juggle a fierce rehearsal schedule, boyfriends, girlfriends, grandparents and children, offering a slice of Cuban life seldom seen on the world's screen. Theirs are young lives filled with dreams and sacrifices, victories and defeats, numbing work and moments of genius.

Cuba Mia offers an unforgettable message of hope, an inspiring film matching stirring music with memorable images—a celebration of talent, daring, imagination and dedication.

### **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Cecilia Domeyko, creator of dozens of films capturing the Hispanic experience in the U.S. and Latin America, has earned more than 60 prizes at major festivals including the Cine Golden Eagle and the Telly. Her visionary documentaries are currently airing in over 90 countries and her award-winning mini-telenovelas appear regularly on the U.S. Spanish language networks, including Spanish CNN.

86 Minutes plus Multiple Bonus Features (including a separate Spanish Language Version) Arkadia DVD #72002 \$24.98

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# Cuba Mia: Portrait of an All-Woman Orchestra Ten beautiful musicians, playing the harmonies of Cuban soul, demonstrate the power of music to cross timeless boundries Winner: CINE Golden Eagle Chicago Film Festival

### **DVD BONUS FEATURES**

- Complete Spanish Version
- Bonus Music 5 Songs from the CD
- Café L.A. Radio Interview and Performances
- The Making Of...featurette
- Camarata Romeu Bio
- Bonus Concert Performance
- Director's Bio
- Awards & Distinctions
- Over 30 Scene Selections
- Dolby Digital Stereo Audio
- Multi-Directional Interactive Menus