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ARTIST'S NEWS

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LP ARTISTS **NEW RECORDINGS**



Kevin Ricard's band -Sambaguru CD: Tribo!



Bobby Sanabria CD: Kenya Revisited Live!



John Santos CD: Perspectiva Fragmentada



Annette Aguilar CD:

LP ARTIST, AMI MOLINELLI HAS BEEN BUSY IN 2009!



LP artist, Ami Molinelli has been busy in 2009. Her Brazilian Choro and Jazz band, Grupo Falso Baiano just signed with MOONDO Records and will be releasing their CD, "Viajando: Choro e Jazz" this coming spring. Celebrating with performances at the Healdsburg Jazz Festival in California on May 31st. They'll perform alongside an esteemed line up that includes Toninho Horta, Leny Andrade, Airto Moreira, and Trio de Paz. From there

they'll continue to Southern California in June, playing in and around the Los Angeles area and completing their tour with the Latin Sounds series at LACMA on June 6th.

Ami's group has also debuted another project, "Samba de Raiz" (Roots Samba) and includes Rio (Carioca) natives, Ana Carbatti on vocals and master percussionist Jorge Alabe. Check out www.grupofalsobaiano.com for more info.

During the summer Ami will be teaching Brazilian and world percussion at Jazz Camp West (www.jazzcampwest.com) in Northern California. She continues to work as a recording artist and resident teaching artist with both the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Music Center.

TOMMY IGOE'S BIRDLAND BIG BAND PERFORMS EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT IN NYC!





DRUM ROAD TRIP WEEKEND EVENT

The second annual **Drum Road Trip** event will take place this coming August 7, 8, and 9.

Produced by UnitedGrooveWorkers the three-day event will take place in the historic Harmony House, at 58 E. Main Street in Webster, New York (near Rochester). Latin Percussion and Toca Percussion are both supporting the event by providing instruments and promotional materials.

The weekend will open on Friday evening with a casual meet-and-greet networking reception for participants, vendors, and clinicians. Saturday will feature a clinic by LP artist/clinician and R&B authority Zoro. Additional clinicians include Johnny Rabb and Rod Morgenstein.

Sunday's activities will include vendor exhibits, a drum trivia contest, a snare drum solo contest, and United Groove Workers peer-to-peer clinics. In addition, a special presentation will be offered by drummer/educator/journalist Rick Van Horn, who will be using an LP Ridge Rider Cowbell and the new LP Mini Snare as part of his drumkit setup.

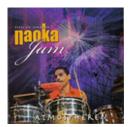
For more information, visit drumroadtrip.com.



No Cheap Dates



Edgardo Cambon CD: Celebrando 20 Años



Tito de Gracia CD: Naoka Jam



Dafnis Prieto CD: Taking the Soul for a Walk



Tommy Igoe and the Birdland Big Band have often been described as New York's must-see big band. Recently I was lucky enough to catch the show. Definitely, Tommy is a charismatic bandleader and drummer with a powerful group.

Igoe's 16-piece band features some of the hottest Jazz musicians on the scene today. From the first note their music captures your attention. The group played a variety of original and classic compositions for two hours. An amazingly tight band whose passionate music makes you feel good! And, by the audience's reactions, Tommy's drumming and musicianship boosts spirits and makes for a fun filled night-out.

If you are planning a visit to NYC, add this performance to your agenda. If you are lucky enough to live in the NY metro area, I highly recommend catching the show. **Birdland Jazz Club** is conveniently located in mid-town. The weekly Friday night show starts at 5:15, for reservations call **212.581.3080**. A great way to jump-start the weekend, the club's food and ambiance are top-notch.

If you simply can't make it to the club, don't despair you can buy it on **DVD** and **CD**. For a preview of the show, **click here!**

LP ARTIST NICK BAILEY PERFORMS WITH CELTIC WOMAN!



LP artist, percussionist, **Nick Bailey** was in New York City performing with **CELTIC WOMAN**. He's been touring with show for the last four years. Nick's choice of percussion is LP. Recently he mentioned, "I can always rely on **LP instruments**; they never let me down!"

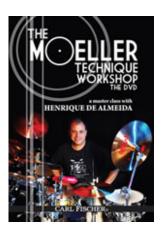




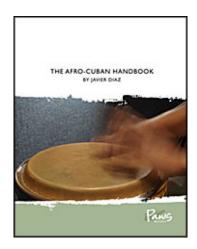
PAOLI MEJIAS PERFORMS
CENTRAL AMERICA PERCUSSION
CLINIC TOUR

LP artist Paoli Mejias performed a series of LP sponsored percussion clinics in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras.

Click to see photos!

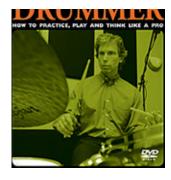


HENRIQUE DE ALMEIDA RELEASES LESSON DVD



JAVIER DIAZ' NEW BOOK





JOHN RILEY RELEASES NEW LESSON DVD

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