



## **Dorance Lorza & Sexteto Cafe - Biography**

**Dorance Lorza & Sexteto Cafe** have been one of the leading bands in the vibrant and exciting **London salsa scene** since they formed in 1996. Pioneering the worldwide "**salsa con vibes**" revival of the late 1990s, they were one of the first bands in Europe to favour the small combo salsa sound of 1960s/1970s bands like **Joe Cuba Sextet/ New Swing Sextet/Pete Terrace Combo** rather than that of the more common big brass-heavy salsa orchestras of the day.

Colombian born band leader **Dorance Lorza** already had a very impressive record from back home as a musician, arranger, composer and producer, working with the the biggest names in Colombian salsa music such as **Los Niches, Los Del Caney, Los Titanes, Los Nemus Del Pacifico, Orquesta Canela, Santiago Ceron, La Octava Dimension, Kike Harvey, Cali Aleman** and **Fruko y su Orquesta**, etc.



In 1993, Dorance pioneered the vibes-led latin combo sound in Colombia with his production of the single "**Que Suerte Tiene El /Dudas de Mi**" by **Siglo 21**, and on arrival to the UK in 1996, he decided to continue with the "salsa con vibes" small band format for two reasons. Firstly, it was an original and unique sound and different to any other salsa band in Europe at the time. Secondly, the small 7 piece line-up guaranteed the band would be affordable to concert and club promoters.

Over the years, they have become one of the most popular and booked salsa bands in the UK and have been featured at many prestigious salsa congresses and jazz festivals .

They released their debut album "Cafe Salsa" in 1997 on PCP Records followed by "Salsa Pa'Ti" in 2004 on Candela. In 2008, both were re-issued with some new previously unreleased tracks as a double CD collection under the title "Dorance Lorza & Sexeto Cafe : 10 Years Of Salsa" on International Records. The band have also had numerous tracks licenced to best-selling compilations such as "Beginners Guide To Salsa" and "The Rough Guide To Salsa Dance", which has brought them to a worldwide audience.

All three albums have featured strong original material alongside new arrangements by Dorance of classic salsa.

With their fourth release, **Dorance Lorza & Sexteto Cafe** have confirmed they are still one of the top salsa bands in the UK today and amongst the finest exponents of the small band "salsa con vibes" style anywhere in the world.

In 2009 and 2012 they headlined the London Mambo City 5 Stars Salsa Congress , in 2010 the Malta Salsa Congress and in 2011 the Scottish Salsa Congress

(<http://www.scottishsalsacongress.co.uk> .) They also performed for Havana Club in January 2011 at Terminal 5 Heathrow Airport . In March 2012 They headlined The 7th Cyprus Salsa Congress in

Ayia Napa, Cyprus. He and his band were invited again to perform at the London Mambo City Salsa Congress anniversary celebration in April 2013.

Dorance Lorza was nominated for the LUKAS AWARDS Category " Latin Musician Of The Year 2011 " and 2012

<http://www.latinolife.co.uk/lukas-awards/entertainment/musician-of-the-year>

Their four release "Rumbero De Corazon" was included by Latin Beat Magazine contributor Nelson Rodriguez on the TOP TEN Best Salsa releases of 2012 <http://www.latinbeatmagazine.com/features.html>

In December 2013 Dorance Lorza & Sexteto Cafe were invited to perform at the 22d "Encuentro de Melomanos y Coleccionistas" at the 56th Edition of the Feria De Cali , in Cali Colombia.



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