



## Nils Fischer's Biography & New CD 2011 !! (Timbazo & CaboCubaJazz)



**Nils Fischer** is one of the most important European percussionists, touring and recording constantly with **Nueva Manteca**, the **Cubop City Bigband**, **Drums United**, with his own groups **Timbazo** and **CaboCubaJazz** as well as with many others. He has shared the stage with such legendary figures as **Giovanni Hidalgo**, **Pío Leiva**, **Orestes Vilató**, **Armando Peraza**, **Paquito D'Rivera** and **Chocolate Armenteros**.

In 2007 he released a CD as a tribute to veteran percussionist **Joe Cuba**. It is entitled **iGracias Joe Cuba!** and several top artists contributed to its making. The album has got rave reviews both at home and abroad.

### CURRICULUM :

- 2009 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour & CD recording
- 2009 Concert w/ Elsa Valle at Budapest Concert Hall
- 2009 Concerts with Van Merwijk's Music Machine [Holland & Bulgaria]
- 2009 Drums United Mexico
- 2009 Drums United Norway
- 2009 Drums United tour The Netherlands
- 2009 iOido al Tambor! - Concerts with Marco Toro Band
- 2009 Concertgebouw with Jorge Martínez & Paul de Leeuw
- 2009 Concert w/ Metropole Orchestra, Rotterdam
- 2009 Concerts with Estrella Acosta and Carlos Irraragorri
- 2008 TIMBAZO Dutch tour "iGracias Joe Cuba!"
- 2008 TIMBAZO North Sea Jazzfestival with Brian Lynch & José "Pepe" Espinosa.  
Sharing the stage with the Herbie Hancock Quintet.
- 2008 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour
- 2008 Cubop City Bigband tour Colombia, Aruba, Curaçao, Suriname
- 2008 Nueva Manteca Mexico
- 2008 Drums United Cyprus
- 2008 Nueva Manteca tour featuring Dave Valentín
- 2008 Cubop City Bigband tour featuring Andy Gonzalez
- 2008 Metropole Orchestra tour "Memorias De Cuba"
- 2008 Drums United tour "Rhythms Of The World"
- 2008 Various recording sessions: Cubop City Bigband, Metropole Orchestra,  
Nueva Manteca, Drums United, Latin Roma.
- 2007 Cd release party, founding of NILS FISCHER & TIMBAZO
- 2007 Cubop City Bigband tour "Latin Divas"
- 2007 Bulgaria/Serbia tour Drums United

2007 Drums United tour "Ritmo Inferno"  
 2007 Recording session Doble Jugada  
 2007 Nueva Manteca tour "Motown Mambo"  
 2006 Nueva Manteca tour Colombia  
 2006 Recording session with Ramón & Elsa Valle in Budapest, Hungary  
 2006 Pure Jazz Festival Cubop City Big Band  
 2006 writing articles for Dutch Magazine "Slagwerkkrant"  
 2006 Recording sessions for solo cd  
 2006 Nueva Manteca tour "My Fair Lady"  
 2006 Nueva Manteca Croatia  
 2006 North Sea Jazz Festival Cubop City Big Band  
 2006 Fabian Nodarse tour Belgium  
 2006 Drums United tour "Ritmo Inferno"  
 2006 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
 2006 Cubop City Big Band tour Bonaire & Curaçao  
 2006 Cubop City Big Band tour "Latin Vocal Explosion"  
 2005 Recording sessions in Madrid and in The Netherlands for solo cd  
 2005 Nueva Manteca tour "My Fair Lady"  
 2005 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
 2005 Cubop City Big Band tour "Tribute to Afro Cuba"  
 2005 Cubop City Big Band tour "Latin Guitar Explosion"  
 2005 Buena Vista Social Club concert in Brussels with Pio Leiva, El Nene, Cotó and Luís Frank  
 2004 Nueva Manteca tour with Orestes Vilató  
 2004 North Sea Jazz Festival  
 2004 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
 2003 Puerto Rico Heineken Jazz Festival with Nueva Manteca  
 2003 Nueva Manteca tour "The Westside Story" with Jeroen van Merwijk  
 2003 Cubop City Big Band Tour "The Mambo Kings"  
 2002 Trip to Puerto Rico, sitting in with with Michael Stuart and other bands  
 2002 till present with FABIAN NODARSE  
 2002 Nueva Manteca tour with Ralph Irrizarry  
 2002 Drums United tour "HIT"  
 2001 Trip to Cuba, playing & recording with members of "Charanga Habanera"  
 (supported by Dutch Ministry of Arts)  
 2001 Rumbata tour Greece  
 2001 Gerardo Rosales y su Trabucombo tour with Frankie Vazquez & Roberto Quintero  
 2001 Euro Radio Big Band Meeting for EBU  
 2001 Descarga Amsterdam tour with Brian Lynch  
 2001 Cubop City Big Band tour with tresero Nelson Gonzales  
 2001 Cubop City Big Band France  
 2000 till present joins percussiongroup DRUMS UNITED  
 2000 Nueva Manteca tour Israel  
 2000 North Sea Jazz Festival  
 2000 La Banda Iré in Imatra Finland  
 2000 Carlos Matos tour  
 2000 Bomba Moderna France

1999 Trip to New York (supported by Dutch Ministry of Arts)  
 1999 Tour Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Curaçao & Aruba with the Cubop City Big Band  
 1999 Rumbata in Cape Verde  
 1999 Recording concert video with "Combinação Malta Dumeé" starring Carlos Malta  
 1999 North Sea Jazz Festival  
 1999 Cubop City Big Band tour with percussionist Armando Peraza  
 1999 Carlos Matos tour Cape Verde with Luis Morais and Ildu Lobo  
 1998 till present percussion teacher at Rotterdams Conservatory (CODARTS)  
 1998 Nueva Manteca tour with Luis Conte  
 1998 Nueva Manteca at Salsa Festival Turku Finland  
 1998 Carlos Matos tour with Titina  
 1997 till 2001 with LA BANDA IRÉ, houseband in clubs: Amsterdam's "Meander", "De Pater"  
 1997 Nueva Manteca tour USA & Canada  
 1997 Nueva Manteca tour Denmark & Finland  
 1997 Cubop City Big Band tour with Edy Martinez  
 1996 Nueva Manteca on Trinidad & Tobago  
 1996 Nueva Manteca Jazzfestival Kouvola Finland  
 1996 North Sea Jazz Festival  
 1996 Cubop City Big Band tour with Chocolate Armenteros  
 1995 till present with CUBOP CITY BIG BAND  
 1995 Nueva Manteca tour with Claudio Roditi  
 1995 Nueva Manteca tour with Bobby Sanabria  
 1995 Nueva Manteca tour USA  
 1995 Nueva Manteca tour Germany  
 1995 Nueva Manteca tour Denmark  
 1995 "Award for outstanding service to jazz education" in Los Angeles  
 1994 till present with CARLOS MATOS  
 1994 Nueva Manteca tour with Orestes Vilató  
 1994 Nueva Manteca Leeds International Music Festival  
 1994 North Sea Jazz Festival  
 1994 Euro Jazz Night TV show  
 1993 till present teacher at the PENTATON PERCUSSION SCHOOL  
 1993 Nueva Manteca tour with Armando Peraza  
 1993 Nueva Manteca tour Porgy & Bess  
 1992 till present concerts at Dutch concert halls and tv shows such as Van Barend & Dorp,  
 VARA Laat, Reiziger, Klokhuis, Bert Visser.  
 1992 till present with NUEVA MANTECA  
 1992 Nueva Manteca with Giovanni Hidalgo  
 1991 until today playing in the Dutch jazz, worldmusic and Latin scene  
 1991 till 1996 studies at Rotterdams Conservatory, graduating Cum Laude  
 1988 tour in California, USA with highschool band  
 1988 extensive studies in Santiago de Cuba and Havana  
 1986 till 1991 busy in local jazz, worldmusic and Latin scene  
 1983 starts playing percussion  
 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS/CONCERTS  
 Latin America & Caribbean

Medejazz, Medellín, Colombia 2008  
Barranquijazz, Barranquilla, Colombia 2008  
Aruba Jazz Festival 2008  
Curaçao Jazz Festival 2008  
Suriname Torarica Paramaribo 2008  
Ollin Kan Festival, Mexico City 2008, 2009  
Barranquijazz, Barranquilla, Colombia 2006  
Bogotá Jazzfestival 2006  
Bonaire Jazzfestival 2006  
Curaçao Jazzfestival 2006  
Heineken Jazz, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2003  
Jazz Festival Sint Maarten 1997, 1999  
Curaçao KLM Jazz Festiva 1994, 1997  
Free Winds Jazzclub Aruba 1999  
International Festival Bonaire 1999  
Pan Jazz Festival VIII Trinidad & Tobago 1996  
USA & Canada  
S.O.B.'s New York City 1995  
Congress of Jazz, Anaheim 1995  
Catalinas, Los Angeles 1995  
City Theater, San Diego 1995  
Joshi's, Oakland 1997  
San José Jazzfestival 1997  
Festival International de Montreal 1995  
Toronto Jazz Festival 1995  
Europe/Africa [selection]  
North Sea Jazzfestival 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008 (with TIMBAZO)  
Latin Village with TIMBAZO 2008  
Latin Fanatics with CABOCUBAJAZZ 2009  
Dutch Blend Meeting with TIMBAZO 2008  
Zomerterras Festival with TIMBAZO 2008  
World Blend Meeting with CABOCUBAJAZZ 2009  
Budapest Concert Hall 2009  
Worldmusic Festival Drammen, Norway 2009  
Cyprus Jazz Festival Limassol, Nicosia 2008  
Pure Jazz 2006  
Serbia Spancirfest Varazdin 2006  
Greece Tesseloniki Salsa Festival 2001  
Latin Dance Beats 2001  
Euro Radio Big Band Meeting 2001  
Baia Das Gatas, Cape Verde 1999 [twice]  
Jazzfestival Kouvola 1996, 2000  
Latin Jazz Festival Iväskyla 1996, 2000  
Copacabana Helsinki 2000  
Imatra Big Band Festival 2000  
Toros y Salsa Festival Dax 2000, 2001

Salsa Festival Turku 1998  
Jazzhouse, Kopenhagen 1995, 1997  
Århus Jazzfestival 1997  
Euro Jazz Night 1994  
Leeds International Music Festival 1994  
Jazz Behind The Dikes 1995

**NEW CD 2011:**

- A new genre is born! CaboCubaJazz combines Cuban music, Cape Verdean music and Latin jazz to an exciting, irresistible blend. It's debut CD *Rikeza y Valor* features top artists such as **Brian Lynch**, **Dina Medina**, **Grace Évora**, **Pepe Espinosa** and many more.

**CABOCUBAJAZZ - RIKEZA Y VALOR**

**January 2011** - the collaboration of highly regarded percussionist **Nils Fischer** and the Cape Verdean master - pianist **Carlos Matos** leads into a completely new sound. Just take the melancholy of the *Morna* - the Cape Verdean blues - , the happy dance of the *coladera*, mix it with a huge portion of Cuban rumba, salsa en jazz: the result is 100% CaboCubaJazz! The listener and also the dancer is taken on a journey where longing, passion, subtleness and musical fire alternate.

**Dina Medina** is one of the internationally most reknown Cape Verdean singers of her generation; her brilliant voice is a perfect instrument to express the soul of her home islands. She adds a sparkling and sensitive yet powerful touch to CaboCubaJazz's versatile music.

On the CD you can enjoy Grammy winning trumpeter **Brian Lynch**, the Cuban **Pepe Espinosa**, singers like Cape Verdean star **Grace Évora**, Colombian **Alberto Caicedo** and the new talent **Laise Sanches**.

The idea for the CD *Rikeza y Valor* came up during CaboCubaJazz' successful tour in 2008/9.  
The group continues it's tour in 2010/11.

Comments on CaboCubaJazz & *Rikeza y Valor*

**Luis Conte** [Cuba, US]: "I love the way Cabo Verde and Afro Cuba merge together on CaboCubaJazz' debut CD. I don't know if this has been done ever before...great work!"

**Tito Paris** [Cape Verde, Portugal]: "The music of CaboCubaJazz makes me very happy. For sure this CD will be a great success. Parabens!"

**John Santos** [Puerto Rico, Cape Verde, US]: "Beautiful - what a great concept and production - all top-notch musicians and arrangers!"

**Mendes Brothers** [Cape Verde, US]: "Fantastic project! Very innovative album bridging the culture of two creole nations: Cabo Verde and Cuba. Congratulations!"

VPRO magazine, NL: "High-quality manifestation of musical blending!"

Cultuurpodium.nl: "CaboCubaJazz bridges Cuba, Cape Verde and jazz - a warm musical carpet!"

De Volkskrant [national Newspaper], NL: "Swinging and smooth synthesis of Cuban and Cape Verdean rhythms - CaboCubaJazz melts two different cultures without any effort, entering the boundless landscapes of jazz." Four stars\*\*\*\*

"I had the pleasure of playing with Nils - he is a great all-round player, lots of swing and energy all the time."

**Orestes Vilató**

"Nils Fischer is at the forefront of keeping the tradition of the tumbadora alive and well in Europe!"

**John Santos**

"Nils es una bestia tocando de verdad."

**Calixto Oviedo**

"I instantly fell in love with the way he plays...I consider Nils to be a Cuban musician."

**Alberto " Molote" Muñoz**

"WOW!!!! What a band! Hats off to everyone, including Jon Fausty for the mixing! All of the charts are excellent! I like Alain Perez' version of "Tremendo Coco!" The CD is extremely well done and is of the highest order. Very strong charts and performances! Can't wait for the next one!

**Sonny Bravo**

"I played with the world's greatest congaplayers ... Nils - welcome to the club!"

**Dave Valentín**

"Nils Fischer, one of the most important percussionists in Holland, has exploded as a leader with this 1st CD which feels like his 20th CD as a leader.

¡Gracias Joe Cuba! has to be one of the top recordings of the year!"

**Ralph Irizarry**

Creo que es un magnifico trabajo, a la altura de los mejores grupos latinos que conozco.  
Nils es un excelente percusionista.

**Carlos Del Puerto**

¡Gracias Joe Cuba! esta brutal y lo que hace Nils en su solo con el timbal y la conga tambien esta salvaje.

**Paoli Mejías**

**Credits :**

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