



LOS MÚSICOS DE JOSÉ at Joe's Pub at The Public Theater

Los Músicos de José creates powerful instrumental music similar to funk, directed at the feet, the gut and both hemispheres of the brain. It is fun and easy to dance to, yet it is also serious and searching. José is not the lead singer of the band, nor the musical director or producer. The truth is, José doesn't even play in the band—he is a friend of the band who enjoys its music.

The band, based in Mexico City, is a septet of drums, bass, guitar, trumpet, alto sax, percussion, piano and one more saxophone. Composed of close friends who started to play together in 1997 while they were in high school, the band has retained the fun-loving impulse of its high school days, and achieved greater technical sophistication as it has matured.

The music is difficult to catalogue since it's not rock, jazz or proper funk. The most commonly used term is acid funk: a base of funky groove on which themes and improvisations are constructed. The songs are a series of unfolding developments that can entail abrupt changes of direction.

Los Músicos de José has played in International Festivals such as Puebla International Festival, Chihuahua International Festival, Sonora International Festival, and International Jazz Festivals in Mérida, Mexicali, and Mexico City. They also played at VIVE LATINO music fest in México City in 2007, and shared the stage with Groove Collective at Hard Rock Live Guadalajara in 2006.

Los Músicos de José is currently preparing its second album release, which will be available in Mexico in October 2008.

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