



CD Desde Lejos

Since my first attempts to play the clarinet I have loved Jazz and dreamed of making a Jazz Album.

Desde Lejos is the result of this dream.

This Album is a happy collaboration between my friends and myself as we seek to express friendship, joy and love in music.

Track Listing

- 1. Prologo (Cielo Roto)
- 2. La Fleur de Cayenne
- 3. Desde Lejos
- 4. Una Sonrisa (Para Olivia)
- 5. One of Many
- 6. La Ultima Curda
- 7. Pensamientos
- 8. Brebajes y Hechizos
- 9. Epilogo

Press reviews

"The Juan Ruiz Quartet...very talented group out of Berklee, with great chemistry and an understanding and ability to intertwine jazz with a bit of Colombian traditional music. Great sounds and entertainment for sure..."

-Rosario D'Rivera-

"From prologue to epilogue, Desde Lejos, by Juan Ruiz Music is a captivating adventure narrated by a warm and daring clarinet and Sax. What a storyteller. You can hear Colombia and Latin America beating through the music." - A I e a -



Bio

Juan combines his Latin roots, jazz and classical training in his original compositions and performances as well. He approaches music with a spirit of curiosity, his compositions and solos are nourished by his childhood experiences, his home country, and the optimism he perceives among Colombians.

Composer, Saxophonist and Clarinetist **Juan Ruiz** began his musical studies when he was 11, studying Latin American percussion in his hometown of Caldas Antioquia, Colombia. At age 14, he began clarinet studies with Elizabeth Isaza at the University of Antioquia's preparatory music school. He left Colombia in 2006 with a scholarship to study English and Music at Atlantic Union College, MA. After one year he transferred to the Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge, MA, where he was awarded a full scholarship to study a BM in clarinet performance and composition and later a Master Degree on Modern American Music. Later In 2015, **Juan** studied at the prestigious Berklee College of Music with Dr. Shannon LeClaire and George Garzone.

Juan had the opportunity to perform clarinet and saxophone with prestigious groups such as, The Grammy winner Pacifica Quartet, and great musicians as Guinga, Omar Hakim, Toto La Momposina, Oscar Stagnaro, Greg Hopkins, George Garzone and Gregorio Uribe to name a few. Recently, **Juan Ruiz** had the opportunity to play with Paquito D'Rivera at the Regatta Bar and Northampton Jazz Festival.

On April 24 2018 **Juan** first Album "Desde Lejos" was released at The Regatta Bar with great acceptance.

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