

# Cubop City Big Band

## ‘El Gran Concierto’

Excellence in  
salsa & latin-jazz  
big band music since 1995



The Cubop City Big Band is known as the most prominent European Latin orchestra of the past three decades. With their innovative interpretations and arrangements of the Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz repertoire, the orchestra brings the rich cultural heritage of this music to life. In 'El Gran Concierto', the orchestra presents the best of their repertoire that includes music by Machito, Beny Moré, Tito Rodriguez, Tito Puente and many more.

Under the leadership of founder and drummer Lucas van Merwijk, the orchestra has become an institution and has been an important factor in Latin music in Europe for years. During their lively and spectacular live performances, they show how the tradition of New York mambo music continues to inspire and connect.

The orchestra has worked with a large number of prominent Latin musicians, including Alfredo "Chocolate" Armenteros, Edy Martínez, Andy González (Libre, Tito Puente), Armando Peraza (Santana), Luis Conte, Nelson González (Cachao, Gloria Estefan, Paul Simon), Edmar Castañeda and Roberto Quintero. Yma America, the charismatic singer from Venezuela, has been the regular singer of the orchestra since 1995.

## New album ‘El Inolvidable’



- *Cubop has taken the big band sound to a new level (Salsa Power)*
- *'a must for Latin big band fanatics that, in my humble opinion, will have you dancing with joy.'* (Latin Beat)
- *'Utilizing the expertise of the veteran arranger and pianist Eddy Martínez, who did the outstanding arrangements, Van Merwijk was able to capture that Latin big band sound and spirit. This swings from beginning to end.'* (José Rizo)

• *the coolest and most spectacular Latin band in Europe' (de Volkskrant).*



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