

MIKE FREEMAN ZONA VIBE VENETIAN BLINDS

Mike Freeman has been hailed as “masterful,” a “superb” vibes player, and “wildly talented.” Following *Blue Tjade*, his tribute to Cal Tjader, *Venetian Blinds* is a tip of the hat to Tito Puente and Bobby Hutcherson.

When Tito Puente rolled in his vibes during the early days of the Palladium, people would say, “Here comes Tito with those venetian blinds!”—referring to the strung-together bars of the instrument. Four of the tracks on this recording were written for Tito Puente: “Those Venetian Blinds,” “Mambo Kings,” “Night Crawlers,” and “Qué Tal Tío” (What’s Up Uncle). Another three go out to the late vibraphonist and Jazz Master Bobby Hutcherson: “Clutch the Hutch,” “Bobby Land,” and “House of Vibes.”

Mike Freeman ZonaVibe brings together a mix of original Latinjazz characterized by spirited soulful swing. *Venetian Blinds* is the latest in a line of clave-infused recordings Mike has produced over the past 18 years.

The all-new lineup for this outing features stalwarts of the New York Latin music scene: trumpeter **Guido Gonzalez** and conga master **Roberto Quintero**, along with up-and-coming players **Ian Stewart** on bass and **Joel Mateo** on drums.

Mike Freeman’s recordings have appeared on numerous radio charts (jazz, contemporary, World) and syndicated radio programs (WOR radio network, Jazz After Hours, David Sanborn, Music Choice, United Airlines), with international airplay throughout Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, South America, and Australia. His recordings have been both Grammy and Latin Grammy entries and have received outstanding reviews.

Mike is also known by fans and audiences for his work and recordings with several acclaimed Latin groups including Ray Mantilla; Lucho Cueto’s all-star salsa group Black Sugar; and Son Boricua with Jose Mangual Jr. and the late Jimmy Sabater (one of the architects of Boogaloo).

GOING FOR ADDS AUG. 4, 2018



Venetian Blinds

Mike Freeman ZonaVibe

Guido Gonzalez • Ian Stewart • Roberto Quintero • Joel Mateo

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| 1. House Of Vibes | 5:16 |
| 2. Mr. Snacky | 5:19 |
| 3. Bobby Land | 4:49 |
| 4. Those Venetian Blinds | 5:34 |
| 5. Clutch The Hutch | 3:58 |
| 6. Mambo Kings | 5:08 |
| 7. What’s Up With This Moon | 6:12 |
| 8. Night Crawlers | 5:10 |
| 9. Fancy Free | 7:31 |
| 10. Que Tal Tio (What’s Up Uncle) | 6:01 |

SUGGESTED TRACKS FOR PLAY:

3. BOBBY LAND
4. THOSE VENETIAN BLINDS
7. WHAT’S UP WITH THIS MOON
8. NIGHT CRAWLERS

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