

AMANDA MARTINEZ



"Amanda Martinez is one of the great new voices in Spanish language Latin music...where slow cadence Cuban rhythms meet sensuous Mexico."

Angel Romero, World Music Central

Amanda Martinez is a Canadian-based singer/songwriter whose music exultingly blends her unique Mexican and South African roots with flamenco soul.

Her fourth and latest album *Libre* is her most eclectic recording to date exploring influences from around the globe. Collaborations include Malagase born Donn e Roberts, Juno award winning vocalist Kellylee Evans and Grammy nominated Cuban born songwriter Elsten Torres. Her previous albums including *Mañana* produced by Grammy award winning Javier Lim n have earned her 3 Latin Jazz Artist of the Year nominations at Canada's National Jazz Awards and a win for Best World Music Artist at The Toronto Independent Music Awards.

Her songs have appeared on four Putumayo world music collections: *Bossanova Around the World*, *Latin Dreamland*, *Cafe Latino* and most recently *Mexico*.

Martinez has headlined at the legendary Blue Note jazz club in New York, at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Festivities in South Africa, and at the 2011 PanAmerican Games in Guadalajara. She also performed in a series of concerts during the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, as well as hosting several events.

Amanda's albums have reached #1 on iTunes World Music Charts and she has been featured on Canada AM, StarTV, and CNN Espa ol. Tour highlights include Montreal Jazz Festival, Dubai international Jazz festival with Jesse Cook and sell out shows at National Arts Centre, Elgin Winter Garden Theatre and Toronto's 1100 seat Koerner Hall.

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“After listening to her music, it is clear that Amanda Martinez made the right career choice and THIRSTY is proud to make her our spring discovery.”

Stay Thirsty Magazine

“Amanda delivered an unforgettable show, leaving in the air an atmosphere charged with positive, uplifting vibes. Her band is integrated by top-notch, seasoned musicians who support her in a marvelous way.”

Danilo Navas, Latin Jazz Network



“Amanda and her band are world class. She is able to meld fresh gorgeous melodies in Spanish and English with a kick-ass band.”

Mervon Mehta, Koerner Hall, RCM

“She is one of the greatest voices in the world and you are lucky to have her here in Canada.”

Javier Limón, Grammy winning producer

“Amanda Martinez and her band had a great chemistry together and kept a playful mood throughout the set.”

All About Jazz

“Amanda Martinez is magnetic on *Mañana*.”

GappleGate guitar blog

“She’s hot on a winning formula. This is a fine album for world music fans looking for music that is soft on the ears.”

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