

# Macaxeira Jazz

The Brazilian instrumental group “Macaxeira Jazz” shows that South American music can blend well with world music. The musicians are from Natal – Brazil and have performed together in this formation since 2006 and now account for several national and international tours. The ensemble musical signature is the union of international popular rhythms - such as jazz, blues and rock - with Brazilian national rhythms such as choro, samba and baião. Diogo Guanabara (bandolin), Henrique Pacheco (bass), Raphael Bender (drums), Marco Antonio da Costa (acoustic guitar, cavaquinho, piano) and Ticiano D’Amore (electric guitar) have created along the last two decades an extensive amount of original compositions, in addition to this, they show outstanding creativity, including daring interpretations of the so called “classics” of Pop music. Bands like “The Beatles”, and artists like “Michael Jackson” and “Astor Piazzolla” gain unusual versions, in typical Brazilian rhythms, that please the most demanding audiences in Brazil and abroad.

The first group’s work recorded was the DVD “Diogo Guanabara & Macaxeira Jazz live”, released in 2008, also in CD version. In 2009, they released the album “Capanga Moderna”, all the songs recorded were original music. The group did a concert/live recording totally dedicated to “The Beatles” with new interpretations of the popular group (2010) and released another album honoring the choro music (a traditional Brazilian style) produced in Rio Grande do Norte (2013), in



this album we find performances from the music of João Juvanklin, Tico da Costa, Chico Elion and K-Ximbinho. In 2017, the group released its latest album “Cria”, again, all original and unreleased songs. Recorded between September and December 2016, in Natal / RN, the album was named after the fact that almost all the members of the band had children recently, which deeply influenced the process of creating the songs.

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