

Mp3 Caballero-verde Quintet - Past Due



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MP3 Songs JAZZ: Latin Jazz, LATIN: Latin Jazz Details: The San Diego based Caballero-Verde Quintet were formed by Daniel Green (verde is of course Spanish for green) and Bill Caballero in February 2004. They both met already in June 2002, but like all good things, it took some time until they found the right musicians to accompany them on piano and trumpet. And what talented players they've what with Jeff Sly Simon (bass), Dylan Savage (drums) and Steve Haney (percussion). With producing the album Past Due and writing six of the nine songs it looks like Daniel Green is the leader of the Quintet and he's by the way busy with other projects like the 13-piece salsa band Trece de La Suerte. Of all the groups I play with, the Caballero-Verde Quintet has always been my favorite, says Danny. It's a real treat for me to have such a great group of musicians play my compositions and arrangements, and I really feel that each one of them contributes a great deal to the material. And Danny really comes up with some splendid compositions on the group's debut album Past Due. Take the energetic What Do You Call It for example, a percussion driven song that sums up what's so great about Latin Jazz. Descarga #1 is another good example of a fast uplifting song that surely will see you moving your hips. With Juan Melendez's Karmenalia the Quintet gets more into improvisation and free jazz territory, the result is an instrumental tour de force and another fast paced winner. If you liked the Subaru double album by Speak In Tones last year then I'm sure you'll like Karmenalia as well. There's also time for the quieter moments. The aptly titled Cool Down is a good example that Latin Jazz is not only about hard-hitting danceable grooves but also about ballads with beautiful melodies. The album's title track Past Due slows down the tempo even more giving Danny and Bill a perfect vehicle to show their musical talent as pianist and trumpet player. With nine exquisite songs

on offer Past Due is a great instrumental album played by a tight band that every fan of Latin Jazz should own. [Bill Caballero is no longer with the group and its simply named the Danny Green Quintet now.]

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