

# Mp3 The Estrada Brothers - Jazz: Latin Jazz



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The first, now classic CD debut of the band that carries the flame of the Cal Tjader torch. 9 MP3 Songs  
JAZZ: Latin Jazz, JAZZ: Acid Jazz Details: Even though the Estrada Brothers have been making music since the 1950s, the band never had the opportunity to record. In 1989, I produced and released our debut recording simply entitled, "The Estrada Brothers". After being out of print for a few years, here again is the auspicious debut, digitally remastered for you to enjoy. Raul Rico, Jr.

\*\*\*\*\* "The Estrada Brothers" - Salsa is served in hot and mild flavors by this Oxnard-based band, represented by a diverse set on their release. The brothers Estrada Henry on saxes, Ruben on vibes, piano and congas, and second generation brother Ruben Cougar, Jr. on drums and percussion have led the small but feisty salsa/Latin jazz scene in the area. The bands percussionist Raul Rico, Jr., aside from being a hot player, has done his part in spreading the gospel over the airwaves, hosting his long-standing Onda Latina, every Sunday night at 8 on KCSB. Bassist Malcolm Ian Peters and guitarist Charlie Wisuri fill out the ranks, and there are featured guest shots by trumpeter, Jeff Elliot, saxist Gary Lefevre, percussionist Ramon Banda, and pianist Joe Rotondi, Jr. On this album, the material ranges from salsafied jams like Celaya and Descarga Estrada to a reading of the Billy Ocean pop hit Suddenly (arranged by Elliot), a spicy variation on Mel Tormes The Christmas Song and a Ruben Estrada original called, fittingly, For Cal Tjader. If the late vibist Tjader popularized the merger of Latin and jazz temperaments, the Estrada Brothers carry the torch of that tradition proudly. - Josef Woodard for The Santa Barbara Independent, August 16, 1990

\*\*\*\*\* The Estrada Brothers is Ventura Countys most respected and well-known Latin-jazz band. For many years fans demanded some kind of recording from their local stars and its finally available. Its simply entitled The Estrada Brothers. For the most part,

following in the Cal Tjader tradition, the band is primarily assembled around the very talented vibraphonist Ruben Estrada. In fact, whenever Cal Tjader played in that area, just north of Los Angeles, Cal would frequently call Ruben up to the bandstand and invite him to sit in on vibes. The recording also includes the added talents of established local L.A. musicians such as the versatile timbalero Ramon Banda (Poncho Sanchez band), trumpeter Jeff Elliot (Flora Purim/Airto band), pianist Joe Rotondi, Jr. (Alex Acuna, Bongologic) and critically acclaimed saxophonist Gary Lefebvre. The other band members are brother Henry Estrada (sax), Ian Peters (bass), Charlie Wisuri (guitar), Raul Rico, Jr. (congas/percussion/producer) and 20-year-old son Ruben Estrada Jr. who is an up-and-coming drummer you'll be more about in years to come. Raul Rico, Jr. is Ventura County's prime Latin music instigator, especially with his Latin jazz / salsa radio show on KCSB 91.9 FM, Sunday nights 8 to 10 PM Onda Latina in Santa Barbara. My favorite tune on the release is their beautiful rendition of Deodatos "Amani". Vibist Ruben Estrada is very impressive on his original dedicated to Cal Tjader "For Cal Tjader" while "Descarga Estrada" is a joyous groove that develops into a jam session where everyone gets to show what they can do. - Jose Rizo for Mambo Express Magazine, July 1990

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