

Mp3 Raf Astor - El Andar



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An evocative blend of salsa and flamenco, a great Latin, world beat sound. 10 MP3 Songs LATIN: General, LATIN: Salsa Details: Raf Astor is considered a torchbearer in the new era of Latin Music. Through a traditional yet unique perspective, Raf and his band evocatively blend rumba and flamenco grooves, Salsa rhythms, and beautiful Latino melodies. His latest album, El Andar, encompasses his Afro-NewYorican' sound in a compelling manner - it's a pleasure to listen to and a challenge to sit still! Raf has led a consistent life of music. As the son of a trumpet player, he was exposed early on to the complex natures of jazz, classical, and world music. He chose the guitar as his channel - studying various styles and even teaching at the American Institute of Guitar. As he developed his personal style, his playing rapidly gravitated towards the world of Latin Music. Stemming from Caribbean and Latin rhythms, Raf's music has been described as "powerful, graceful, and simply brilliant." From the intoxicating melody of "Este Regalo" to the classic feel of "Con Gran Carino" and "Baila Mi Rumba," El Andar is as much a testament to the tradition of Latin Music as it is a blueprint for its future. In his hometown of New York City, Raf performs live regularly, which truly showcases the energy and vision embodied in his music. Raf is known for playing in the pocket,' and the lyrics are expressed eloquently by the gripping vocals of Carlos Rafael Rivera. Raf is a musician's musician, and is well respected among Latin music's finest. Some of New York's greatest talents perform and record with Raf: John Walsh - lead trumpet player with Tito Puente, Gene Perez - bassist with Willie Colon and other Salsa greats, Joe Gonzalez - percussionist featured in the movie "Calle 54," and legendary timbales player Jimmy Delgado; all are featured on El Andar. The music of Raf Astor is spreading rapidly. He was chosen to score the climactic dance scene between Pearce Brosnan and Rene Russo in The Thomas Crown Affair. New York DJ's are spinning "Baila Mi Rumba" as well as the title track from El Andar. He and his band just finished headlining the

"World Jazz Beat" summer series at the Guggenheim Museum and can be seen regularly at S.O.B.'s, Metronome, Nell's, Zinc Bar, and other venues in the New York area. There is only one precaution - Raf's music is extremely addictive. One listen to El Andar and it will not leave your stereo anytime soon.

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