



The Formentera Office of Culture is pleased to report that next Friday 25 February at 8.30pm, the Sala de Cultura (Cinema) will be the scene of a special jazz concert, *Alma en Cuba a Formentera*. The show is produced by Trampolí Mecànic in association with the Consell de Formentera, Ràdio Illa and Sa Casa cultural association. This is the second concert of the 2022 L'Illa a Escena programme.

Alma en Cuba is a jazz concert from two of the most outstanding representatives of contemporary music. Iván "Melón" Lewis (piano) and Ariel Brínguez (saxophone) work in symbiosis to offer their personal vision organically intertwining popular music and chamber music with Cuban accents. The pair present a careful selection of Cuban classics blending contemporary elements and the lyrical-musical heritage of Formentera. Past, present and future will converge and breathe life into genres like *danzón, contradanza, sueño montuno*, jazz and European classical music.

Ariel Brínguez (1982, Santa Clara, Cuba) is a saxophonist, composer and arranger, who studied at the ISA in Havana. He won two USA Grammys collaborating with Chucho Valdés for the album *Tributo en Irakere: Live in Marciac* (2017) and Alejandro Sanz for the album *El tren de los momentos* (2009), and scored a Latin Grammy for his collaboration on Iván "Melon" Lewis's album *Voyager*. He has put out three works: *Raíces en colores*, which earned him the Opera Prima award in 2009, *Experience* (2007) and *Nostalgia cubana* (2016), which is at the centre of his current tour. He has collaborated with an array of musicians like Tata Guines, Román Filiú, Javier Massó "Caramelo", Javier Colina, Paquito de Ribera, Ketama, Niña Pastori, Alain Pérez, Miguel Zenón and more.

Iván "Melon" Lewis (1974, Pinar del Río, Cuba) is a pianist, composer, arranger and music producer. In November 2021, he took home the Latin Grammy for best Latin jazz album for *Voy*

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, his fourth nomination. Lewis has released five albums and performed at the world's most prestigious jazz festivals and venues, like Montreux Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival, Kennedy Center in Washington and several clubs in New York. Over the years he has collaborated with musicians such as Issac Delgado, Juan Manuel Serrat, Joaquín Sabina, Concha Buika, Ainhua Arteta, Mariza, Ara Malikian and more.

Admission

Tickets for the concert *Alma en Cuba a Formentera* can be purchased now on www.entradesformentera.cat

for €7. Unemployed people, under-employed freelancers, retirees, under-25s and single-parent and large families receive 50% off.

The show will be carried out in accordance with public health protocols and in compliance with the regulations in force at all times.

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