

MUSIC ISLAND GAZETTE

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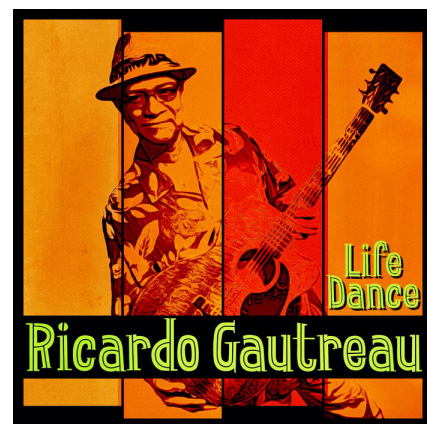
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Since the release of “The Missing Link”, my new album, friends ask me if my 2 earlier albums are still available: Yes, they are! They feature originals & covers as well as musicians I really admire: Ariel De La Portilla, Beledo, Ruben Rodriguez, Renato Thoms, Diego Lopez, Jeannine Otis, Sofia Tosello, Juancho Herrera, Adan Vasquez & more!



“[MUSIC ISLAND](#)”, which I produced, is my first CD. It features the original version of “[Latin Gypsy](#)” (mostly featuring the guitars) as well as other originals. Covers include my Delta Salsa version of a Robert Johnson medley which we call “[Crossroads Blues](#)”; our take on Tito Puente’s “[Oye como va](#)”, made famous by Santana; and the Beatles’s “[Thing we said today](#)”. That really cool cover was created by the great artist, Mike Dubois. Mike has created art for The Grateful Dead, Santana, The Altman Brothers & more.



My second album is the EP “[LIFE DANCE](#)”, produced by Remy Gautreau, Pat Linehan & me. This one has one of my favorite covers: a medley of “[Chan Chan](#)”(from the Buena Vista Social Club) & “[House of the rising sun](#)”. Adan Vasquez plays the swinging piano, and the a smoking guitar solo is by the always amazing Doug Munro. It also features “[It happened one night](#)”, a modern Merengue/rap story song with a beat made for dancing. The original, “[When you dance with me](#)”, has Doug Munro and me playing Rumba Flamenca rhythms with a touch of Gypsy Jazz. That’s right: Latin Rock, Latin Jazz & Beyond!.

YOU CAN FIND “[MUSIC ISLAND](#)” & “[LIFE DANCE](#)”
HERE:



That bring us to “[The Missing Link](#)”, our current release, produced by [PABLO MAYOR](#). Downloads & streaming for the album are available on your favorite platform. CD’s only available thorough the store in our site. You can hear songs from this album and the other 2 at the site. Just click on ‘[LISTEN](#)’ and take your pick!

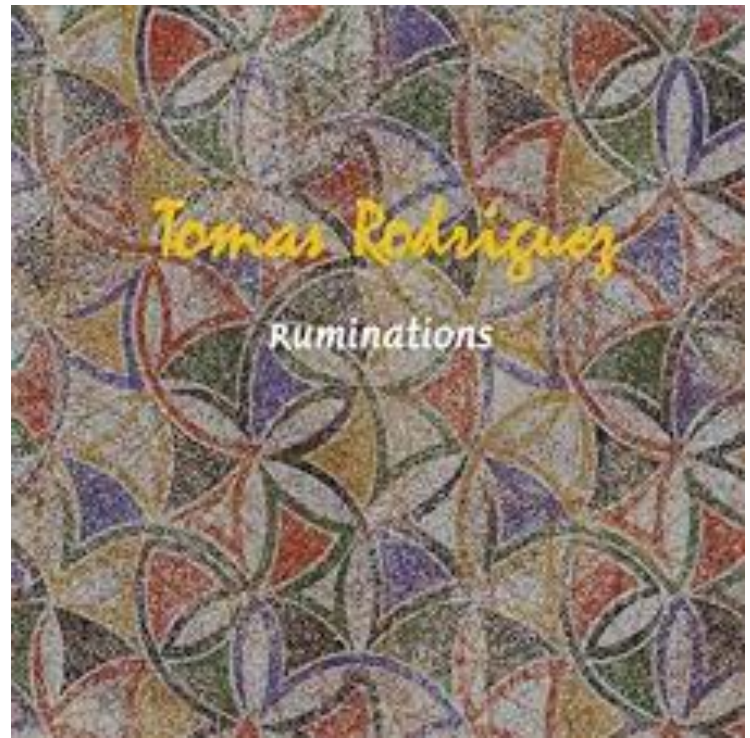


NEWS

We have been recently informed that the orchestral version of the song “Latin Gypsy”, which is on “The Missing Link” CD, will soon be featured by ALL ABOUT JAZZ as a pick for song of the day. It’s really an honor and very exciting cause a lot of people will hear our song. I’ll keep you posted cause we’ll need everyone to like the song on the site and vote for it. They have a really cool site, if you want to check it out please visit

<https://www.allaboutjazz.com/songoftheweek>

RAFFLE



This month raffle features a really special guitarist with beautiful stories to tell. The NY Times said “Highly recommended..a guitarist whose influences span the Latin world.. he has an unique approach.” This excerpt from his site elaborates: “Composer and guitarist Tomás Rodríguez weaves melodies and rhythms, navigating the intricate tapestry of his own heritage and identity. His Spanish lineage from his father, Appalachian roots from his mother, and his connection to a Peruvian family through marriage serve as vibrant inspiration. With this alchemy, he crafts a bridge between the past and the present, offering listeners a sense of peace, refuge and union with that eternal ancestral stream.” This month raffle winner will get an autographed copy of his CD, “Ruminations”. Tomás has a lot to share, please visit his site to see about his other recordings, concerts, etc.

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The winner for last month’s raffle is Anthony Peralta, from Yonkers, NY. Anthony is a longtime jazz fan who supports local artists (i.e. from Westchester County) whenever possible. He won [NELSON RIVEROS](#) newest hit CD, “The Latin Side Of Wes Montgomery”. Please visit Nelson’s site to learn more about his music and personal appearances.



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