





*Salsa, Merengue,
Cumbia, Cha-Cha, Bolero –*

OPA OPA EMBRACES AND PERFECTS ALL THE MOST
POPULAR FORMS OF LATIN MUSIC

FOR THE PLAYERS IN OPA OPA, THERE ARE NO BARRIERS, CULTURAL OR MUSICAL. THE BAND WAS FORMED IN 1987 BY BAND LEADER OSWALDO BERNARD AND HIS GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW MUSICIAN ANTHONY APOLLO. THIS UNIQUE GROUP OF MUSICIANS COMES FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND ACROSS THE AMERICAS; THEY ARE ARTISTS WHO HAVE REFINED THEIR CRAFT SINCE CHILDHOOD.

THE BAND ROSE TO PROMINENCE IN THE LOS ANGELES SALSA SCENE DURING THE LATE 1980S AND EARLY '90S, EVENTUALLY RELEASING THEIR FIRST ALBUM **MOJADITICOS** ON WARNER BROS. RECORDS. IN THEIR LATEST ALBUM, **LOS PAISAJES**, OPA OPA'S RICH PERCUSSION AND PASSIONATE MELODIES TRANSPORT YOU TO DISTANT LANDSCAPES: *to forested isles and white sand beaches that kiss the navy blue waters of the Caribbean; into fertile, tropical regions just beyond the horizon where the people share with one another their love of music and community.*

OPA OPA'S MUSIC IS AN EXPRESSION OF LIFE . . .
¡PURA MÚSICA, PURA VIDA, PURO SABOR!



MOJADITICOS

OPA OPA RELEASED THEIR FIRST RECORD, MOJADITICOS (WARNER MUSIC, 1995), UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WELL KNOWN PRODUCER ERICH BULLING. THE ALBUM'S TWELVE SONGS DEMONSTRATE THE BAND'S MUSICAL RANGE, WHICH HAS AND CONTINUES TO ATTRACT A DIVERSE FAN BASE. "TRISTES RECUERDOS", ORIGINALLY A RANCHERA CLASSIC, SHOWS THE BAND'S COMPOSITIONAL VERSATILITY AS THEY TASTEFULLY TRANSFORM THIS

NORTEÑO FAVORITE INTO A MERENGUE HIT. ANTHONY APOLLO'S SOULFUL RENDITION IN "DÉJAME MUJER" MAKES THIS TRACK A FAVORITE AMONG SALSA LOVERS EVERYWHERE.

LOS PAISAJES

OPA OPA'S LATEST OFFERING, "LOS PAISAJES" (DG MUSIC / UNIVERSAL, 2006), DISTINGUISHES ITSELF AS A TRUE LABOR OF LOVE. THE FIRST SINGLE, "EL HUEQUITO," IS AN UP-TEMPO, TONGUE-IN-CHEEK JAUNT THAT HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED AROUND THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY. THE ALBUM'S TITLE TRACK REACHES OUT TO EXPATRIATED PEOPLE AND SPEAKS TO A FEELING THAT MANY CAN IDENTIFY WITH – THAT OF LONGING FOR ONE'S NATIVE COUNTRY. IN "MUJER MUJER", OPA OPA CALLS FOR AN END TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CELEBRATES THE BEAUTY AND IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN EVERYWHERE.





OVER THE YEARS, OPA OPA HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM WITH LATIN AMERICA'S MUSICAL GIANTS. CELIA CRUZ, WILLIE COLÓN, TITO PUENTE, AND EL GRAN COMBO DE PUERTO RICO ARE JUST A FEW OF THE GREAT NAMES IN LATIN MUSIC WHO HAVE SHARED THE STAGE OR STUDIO WITH OPA OPA.

THE BAND HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH TELEVISION APPEARANCES ON UNIVISIÓN. LONG-RUNNING LOS ANGELES RADIO PROGRAMS SUCH AS "ÁLMA DEL BARRIO" AND "CANTO TROPICAL" HAVE FEATURED OPA OPA'S MUSIC AND THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FEATURED IN REPUTABLE PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER AND LATIN BEAT MAGAZINE.



BAND PROMISE

WE USE OUR PASSION FOR MUSIC TO INSPIRE OUR AUDIENCE AT EACH AND EVERY PERFORMANCE. OUR AIM IS TO CREATE AN EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL EXPERIENCE THAT BRINGS YOU CLOSER TO PARADISE WITH EVERY NOTE. SO SIT BACK AND RELAX, OR GET UP AND DANCE AS THE ESSENCE OF OUR MUSIC TRANSPORTS YOU, RHYTHM, BODY AND SOUL.

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OPA OPA HAS ENTERTAINED LARGE AUDIENCES AT OUTDOOR MUSIC EVENTS SUCH AS THE LONG BEACH SALSA & SAMBA FESTIVAL, LACMA'S LATIN SOUNDS, SALSA SUNDAYS AT PERSHING SQUARE, AS WELL AS VARIOUS CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN AND COLUMBIAN DAY FESTIVALS. THEY HAVE LIKELIKE PERFORMED AT PREMIER VENUES ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE HOLLYWOOD PALLADIUM, CONGA ROOM, THE MAYAN, SPORTSMAN'S LODGE, MAMA JUANA'S, THE GRANADA AND CLUB V20.



THE BEATS OF OPA OPA'S JOYFUL TUNES WILL GET YOUR WHOLE BODY MOVING, WHILE THE HEARTFELT ROMANCE OF THEIR BALLADS IS SURE TO EVOKE MOMENTS SHARED WITH THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE. WHETHER THEY ARE PERFORMING AT A CONCERT, PARTY, OR SPECIAL EVENT, WHEN OPA OPA TAKES THE STAGE, EVERYONE FEELS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION.

HEAR FOR YOURSELF WHY EVERYONE'S SINGING PRAISES FOR OPA OPA

Este es un grupo original, que de verdad impresiona con esta joya. Con el buen cantar y las experimentadas voces. . . así como preciosos y candentes arreglos, este [Los Paisajes] es un álbum muy especial y sencillo, que disfruté un montón.

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This CD is a must have for the Salsa enthusiast.
EL CAOBO
INTERNATIONAL



One of the top salsa orchestras in Los Angeles, California. Los Paisajes . . . burns from the opening track, "Tambó" . . . and continues to sing throughout its ten selections.

RUDY MANGUAL
LAS PAISAJES CD REVIEW
LATIN BEAT

The band was fabulous and greatly enhanced our Havana/Casino night theme. I would highly recommend them for any function.

JO-ANN ARMSTRONG
HONDA CENTER, ANAHEIM



Opa Opa is back with a brand new release, Los Paisajes, and the hit "El Huequito", that will put them on the map . . . as one of the hottest new projects from the West Coast, led by trumpeter/composer

Oswaldo Bernard.

NELSON RODRIGUEZ
LATIN BEAT,
MUSIC UPDATE

I want to thank you for helping to make this year's special event a very successful one. The feedback from our guests was very positive and we know your support (and memorable music) helped make

it so.

RUBEN CORONA
YMCA



We highly recommend . . . Opa Opa as a very competent, well rehearsed group of professional musicians. They are a regular favorite of the patrons of my club. [*]

ENIO CORDOBA, OWNER
THE GRANADA, ALHAMBRA



**“WHAT DOES OPA OPA MEAN?”
IT IS A GREEK GREETING, A SALUTATION
MEANING “HELLO! WELCOME!”**



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