

RITMOJITO

Spanning New York, Cuba, Brasil, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Trinidad, Argentina & Colombia, this dynamic all-star latin ensemble present superbly crafted songs with deep latin jazz grooves.

With an exponentially expanding following, Ritmojito have been wowing audiences across the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond at night-clubs, concerts, festivals and parties. Whether it's Salsa or Samba, Bolero or Bossa Nova, Ska or Reggae you'll be up on your feet from the start. Concieved as a sextet, the band can also perform as a four, five & seven piece; the individual members have played with a "who's who" of local and international artists, and represent a wealth of global performance experience.



Vocals: Sandra Aran. After studying classical piano and composition at the National University of Mexico, Sandra completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Vocal Performance at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, where she also organized and directed Latin Culture Week 2000 & 2001. In various jazz, latin & rock ensembles she has opened for blues legend B.B. King and jazz great George Benson, toured southern Mexico, performed all over both East & West coast USA.

Piano: **Richard Nelson Hall**. Performer, arranger & musical director, Richard has shared the stage with the likes of Tony Bennett & Chaka Kahn and performed in a hundred cities across the US. **Drums:** **Dan Foltz**. The power house behind the great latin dance bands Boca Do Rio & Jazz Caliente, Dan has toured the US & Europe with Shelby Lynne, Black Lab, Lavay Smith & Linda Perry. **Percussion:** **Brian Rice**. Brian, the most schooled member of the band, has played in numerous salsa, reggae, and world beat bands, notably Balafon Marimba Ensemble a Zimbabwean marimba group, and Tiempo Caribe a folkloric drum and dance troupe. **Trumpet/Trombone:** **Joel Behrman**. Joel's performances include K.C. & The Sunshine Band (5 year tour), Boz Scaggs, Toni Tony Toné, The Four Tops, The O' Jays, Natalie Cole, The Temptations, Etta James, Gladys Knight, Wynton Marsalis, Gerry Mulligan, Joe Henderson & Bobby McFerrin. **Bass:** **Dan Feiszli**. Virtuoso electric & acoustic bassist, engineer & producer, Dan has performed across North America & Asia with the likes of Julio Iglesias & Raul Midón.

