

Paolo Fresu & Omar Sosa

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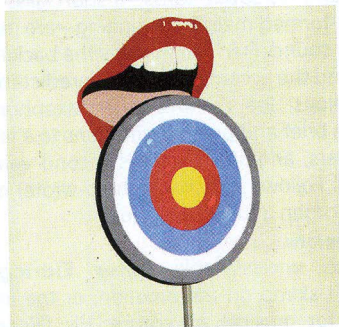
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Omar Sosa is an expressive and passionate pianist, a creative spirit who deserves a category all his own. Every new album is an adventure and, while he's based in jazz and the Afro-Cuban tradition, he never confines himself to a single style. Classical music, electronica, reggae, samba, West African and Arabic sounds and rhythms percolate through his playing. He's a subtle artist, and *Eros* is another example of his ability to evoke emotion with quiet intensity.

Paolo Fresu, the Italian trumpeter and flugelhorn player, has been a frequent Sosa collaborator for the past decade and shares his discreet approach. Together, they dance through the mix, drawing you deeper into the music with each sublime phrase.

"Teardrop/Ya Habibi" features the velvet ululations of Natacha Atlas, supported by Fresu's muted trumpet, Sosa's sparse piano and sustained synthesizer clusters. Jaques Morelenbaum plucks his cello to produce reggae-like accents on "Zeus' Desires," and Sosa's synthesizers add the sounds of finger snaps, heartbeats and toy xylophones to complement the Fresu's flamenco flavored trumpet.

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Elsewhere, Fresu's flugelhorn, Morelenbaum's cello and Sosa's acoustic piano play tranquil intertwining melody lines to open "What Is Inside/Himeros," before a muffled bass line from Sosa's synthesizer blossoms to support his romantic left hand chord clusters.

—j. poet

Eros: Teardrop/Ya Habibi; Sensuousness; Zeus' Desires; Brezza Del Verano; My Soul, My Spirit; La Llamada; What Is Inside/Himeros; Who Wu; Eros Mediterraneo; Fradelo; What Lies Ahead; Why; Kypris. (67:47)

Personnel: Omar Sosa, acoustic piano, Fender Rhodes, MicroKorg, samplers, multi-effects, percussion, vocals, programming; Paolo Fresu, trumpet, flugelhorn, multi-effects, percussion; Natacha Atlas, vocals; Jaques Morelenbaum, cello; Quartetto Alborada: Anton Berovski, violin; Sonia Peana, violin; Nico Circugno, viola; Piero Salvatori, cello.

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