

MARRÓN MATIZADO RETURNS TO TORONTO'S LULA LOUNGE – ON BROWNMAN'S BIRTHDAY!

Sat Dec 2 @ Lula Lounge

Nick "Brownman" Ali & MARRÓN MATIZADO Matizado.Brownman.com

Celebrate Brownman's birthday and the MATIZADO's much anticipated return to Lula!

with Special Guest - Cuban alto saxophonist LUIS DENIS (of David Virelles Quintet)

Lula Lounge - 1585 Dundas St. West, Toronto | 416-588-0307 | Lula.ca

Doors @ 7:00pm, Dance Class @ 9:00pm, Show @ 10:00pm

Admission \$15, Includes dance class + show - or - \$54 - 3 course dinner + dance class + show

Canadian National Jazz Composer of the Year... Internationally acclaimed Latin-jazz artist...
2005 "Toronto Jazz Artist of the Year"... 6-time Havana jazz festival feature performer...

"Brownman vigorously leads MARRÓN MATIZADO... one of the most devastatingly energized, versatile and musically unique Salsa bands you'll find up there in Canada today..."

- NY Salsa Magazine (salsamagazine.com)

After a year of relentless touring making him unavailable to perform at Lula, multi-award winning, Trinidadian-born latin-jazz trumpet sensation Nick "Brownman" Ali brings his all-star salsa ensemble MARRÓN MATIZADO back to Lula. Drawing on years of playing in horn sections of countless Latin groups - including Cuban timba greats CHISPA y LOS COMPLICES and the legendary Cuban big band IRAKERE - he directs and composes for his unique salsa outfit **MARRÓN MATIZADO**, fusing elements of funk, jazz, hip-hop and reggae with hard-hitting Salsa grooves.

Called "**Toronto's salsa dream-team**" by Picante Latin Xpress magazine, the 10-man large MATIZADO uses members of the award-winning latin-jazz unit CRUZAO as it's core and features the slick vocals of Cuban Yani Borell (from CAFÉ CUBANO), Colombian German Rodriguez (from MAPALE) and Juan Carlos Cardenas (from CACHE). The group is stacked with a cross-section of the top-shelf latin artists including the dynamic conga work of noted latin-jazz conguero Ruben "Bennie" Esguerra (from CHIVA) and the dazzling bass work of the always in demand jazzier Ross "Maca" MacIntyre (from JESSE COOK).

MARRÓN MATIZADO tackles modern progressive salsa in a way that this country has never seen before. Bringing elements of funk, jazz, and hip-hop to the table the unit creates a high-energy whirlwind of modern salsa. Blending driving salsa rhythms with musical sophistication, Afro-groove arrangements and rich vocal harmonies are what makes this unit irresistible and one of the most respected salsa outfits in the nation.

Yani Borrell – vocals (Cuba), German Rodriguez – vocals (Colombia), Paula Andres – back up vocals (Colombia), Nick "Brownman" Ali – trumpet / flugelhorn (Trinidad), Luis Denis – alto sax / bari sax / flute (Cuba), Ross MacIntyre – bass (Argentina), Luis Guerra – piano (Cuba), Frank Duran – drumset/timbales (Cuba), Ruben Esguerra – congas (Colombia), Max Sennitt – bongos (Chile)

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