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Una alegre recopilación de canciones de los "años Tuku" (1998-2002)
por una de las grandes voces de África

"Uno de los músicos más importantes de África meridional. Tuku (como lo conocen sus aficionados) se ha distinguido siempre por componer canciones que manifiestan una sincera conciencia social y un firme compromiso con el bienestar de sus compatriotas. Pero en su música no hay nada didáctico. Más bien, Tuku ofrece a sus oyentes preciosas interpretaciones y además algo en lo que puedan pensar". -- BILLBOARD

NUEVA YORK, NY – Putumayo presenta el nuevo CD The Oliver Mtukudzi Collection, en que se recogen algunas de las canciones más perdurables y cautivadoras de este extraordinario artista de Zimbabwe, seleccionadas entre los discos que grabó en su etapa más creativa. Oliver es una figura legendaria de la música africana contemporánea y sus discos están siempre entre los más vendidos en su tierra natal. Sus tres entregas anteriores bajo el sello de Putumayo, aclamadas por el público, han contribuido a que se le reconozca internacionalmente como uno de los artistas más importantes del continente africano. El lanzamiento de The Oliver Mtukudzi Collection coincidirá con su nueva gira por Norteamérica, en la que Oliver presentará su espléndido espectáculo escénico en más de 20 ciudades.

Oliver Mtukudzi es un compositor magistral, dotado del talento para combinar melodías inolvidables, ritmos cautivadores y una letra más que elocuente. Se trata de un artista que se vale de la música para recrear, reconfortar y al mismo tiempo provocar a los oyentes, tanto en su propio continente como alrededor del mundo. Tuku, como se le conoce en su tierra natal de Zimbabwe, canta sobre la vida cotidiana en una sociedad abrumada por dilemas sociales y políticos. En la letra de sus canciones también se incorporan metáforas y relatos folclóricos, transmitiendo un mensaje vigoroso y lleno de significado que ayuda a los oyentes a vislumbrar problemas que demasiadas veces se mantienen ocultos o echados a un lado. Tuku ha alcanzado un gran reconocimiento más allá del África meridional, por su carisma escénico y por sus impresionantes actuaciones junto con su agrupación musical, The Black Spirits. Si bien el contenido poético de sus letras escapa a los que no hablamos alguno de los distintos idiomas en los que canta, el encanto de sus melodías y el espíritu de su voz no necesitan traducción.

Las piezas recogidas en The Oliver Mtukudzi Collection se seleccionaron entre las grabaciones más valiosas de los "años Tuku" (entre 1998 y 2002), cuando este intérprete trabajó mano a mano con el productor sudafricano Steve Dyer para crear un nuevo y apasionante estilo musical al que se ha dado el nombre de "Tuku Music". El álbum incluye varias canciones desconocidas fuera del África meridional, así como dos actuaciones en vivo muy difíciles de encontrar -- como su interpretación de "Hear Me Lord" (que también canta Bonnie Raitt en su reciente disco titulado Silver Lining).

En el año 2002 Oliver afianzó considerablemente su renombre público tras protagonizar espectáculos masivos en 25 grandes ciudades, actuar en los programas de televisión Late Night (de David Letterman) y Austin City Limits (junto con Bonnie Raitt), y encabezar dos programas nacionales de radio en la banda NPR. Estos éxitos prepararon el camino para su próxima gira triunfal de regreso a Norteamérica. En este verano de 2003, Oliver actuará nuevamente en más de 20 ciudades principales de Norteamérica y también encabezará varios festivales de Putumayo, en el marco de los festejos del Décimo Aniversario de Putumayo World Music. Además, volverá a presentarse en la televisión nacional.

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Tour Dates

7/10/03	Chicago, IL	Summerdance Concert Series
7/11/03	Detroit, MI	Concert of Colors Festival
7/12/03	Grand Rapids, MI	Wealthy Theater
7/13/03	Chicago, IL	The Folk and Roots Festival
7/14/03	Cincinnati, OH	TBA*
7/17/03	Trumansburg, NY	Fingerlakes Grassroots Festival
7/18/03	Providence, RI	Waterplace Park
7/19/03	Montreal, Canada	Nuits D'Afrique Festival
7/20/03	Ottawa, Canada	Ottawa International Jazz Festival
7/23/03	New York, NY	TBA*
7/24/03	Washington, DC	TBA*
7/25/03	Atlantic City, NJ	Kennedy Plaza
7/26/03	Brooklyn, NY	Celebrate Brooklyn Festival
7/27/03	Albany, NY	Washington Park
7/29/03	Roseburg, OR	Music on the Half Shell
7/30/03	Portland, OR	Oregon Zoo Amphitheatre
7/31/03	Albany, OR	Monteith River Park
8/1/03	Piercy, CA	Reggae on the River
8/3/03	San Francisco, CA	Putumayo African Odyssey Festival
8/9/03	Sedona, AZ	Putumayo World Music Festival
8/15/03	Salmon Arm, BC	Salmon Arm Folk Festival

* To Be Confirmed.

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