

# NILS FISCHER, PERCUSSIONIST



Endorses Pearl Percussion  
& Remo Drumheads

Educator/head of Latin music  
department at Codarts  
[Rotterdam University of the Arts]

Voting member of LARAS [Grammy]

*"Nils is not only very musical but he also knows what he is doing!"*  
Armando Peraza

*"Nils Fischer belongs to the current generation of great conga players  
who combine musicality with fantastic technique."*  
Sticks Magazine

*"¡Nils es una bestia tocando de verdad!"*  
Calixto Oviedo

*"I had the pleasure of playing with Nils – he is a great all-round player,  
lots of swing and energy all the time."*  
Orestes Vilató

*"Nils Fischer is at the forefront of keeping the tradition of the tumbadora alive and well in Europe!"*  
John Santos

Nils Fischer is one of the foremost European percussionists, touring and recording constantly with his own groups Nueva Manteca, CaboCubaJazz and Timbazo as well as with many others. Nils has played countless concerts all over the world and he has shared the stage with such legendary figures as Giovanni Hidalgo, Pío Leiva, Orestes Vilató, Armando Peraza, José James, Lucrécia, Michel Camilo, Edmar Castañeda, Calixto Oviedo, Carel Kraayenhof, Michael League, Bonga, Paquito D'Rivera, Don Kikas, Avishai Cohen, Dave Valentin, Edwin Perez, Karl Perazzo, Luis Morais (Cesaria Evora), Changuito and Chocolate Armenteros. Nils has appeared on more than 70 albums as a recording artist.

Nils studied in Cuba, Brazil, Puerto Rico and at the Rotterdam Conservatory where he obtained his "Master Degree Percussion" in 1996 cum laude. Nils' interest in music

started at an early age, growing up in a musical family in Bremen, Germany. One of his earliest memories from childhood is his father practicing guitar before gigs at night. His own instrumental experience started when he began to attend piano lessons at the age of ten. He remembers: "One day my sister brought home a Paquito D' Rivera record with Daniel Ponce on congas - this changed my life, all I wanted from then on was to play percussion." At that time, he would have never imagined that 20 years later he would find himself performing with Paquito in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

D'Rivera is also featured guest on Nils' upcoming album 'Otra Idea Más', together with other luminaries such as Issac Delgado, Edwin Perez, the late Dave Valentin and Alexander Abreu. The album was recorded in Cuba, USA and in The Netherlands. Mixed and mastered by Oscar Autie, El Cerrito Records, California.

Nils' albums received rave reviews internationally, they are present on several 'Best of the year' lists and on the long lists for the Grammy's. In 2007 he released Timbazo's *¡Gracias Joe Cuba!* with top artists including Brian Lynch & Alain Pérez. It is mixed and mastered by Jon Fausty. Highlight of Timbazo is a concert at North Sea Jazz' main stage following Herbie Hancock's performance. His second solo album features a great line-up: Lucrecia, Changuito, Carlos del Puerto, Alexander Abreu, Julio Padrón, Calixto Oviedo and others. Mastered by Bob Katz. An extensive tour on major venues in Holland followed.

In 2008, Nils founded the group CaboCubaJazz. Albums 'Rikeza y Valor' and 'Corason Africano' were presented on release tours at Havana Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz, Bimhuis, Borneo Jazz and in Canada, Thailand, Cuba, Germany, Finland, Israel, Austria, Belgium, Malaysia, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Norway and in The Netherlands, at festivals, clubs and theaters. CaboCubaJazz tours all-year.

Nueva Manteca's 13th album is titled ART (2022), the band is currently on release tour.

Since 2000, Nils teaches at the World Music Department of Codarts [Rotterdam University for the Arts], where since 2018 he is head of the Latin music department. Among others, he gave workshops in Finland, Spain, Austria & Germany. In 1995 he received the award for "outstanding service to Jazz education" in Los Angeles.

#### **CURRICULUM**

2024 CaboCubaJazz tour Romania, Bahrain, Germany, NL  
2024 Latino America Festival tour, Israel  
2024 Heimatliebe & Tango tour  
2024 Salsa meets Jazz series  
2024 Album release concerts Otra Idea Más (Timbazo)  
2023 Nueva Manteca release tour ART  
2023 CaboCubaJazz tour NL + Germany  
2023 Latino America Festival, Israel  
2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, Jazz in Duketown, Den Bosch  
2023 Nueva Manteca Medejazz, Colombia  
2023 Nueva Manteca Barranquijazz, Colombia  
2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, Vondelpark, Amsterdam

2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, NPO2, National Dutch TV  
2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, Summertime Jazz, Den Haag  
2023 Nos Ilhas Festival, Rotterdam  
2023 Edwin Perez, Toros & Salsa, France  
2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, Zwolle, Glanamundo, Geleen  
2023 Nils Fischer & Timbazo, Observant Open Air, Amersfoort  
2023 Noordpoolorkest recording + concerts Peter Gabriel project  
2022 Noche de la Habana w/ Timbazo, Ramón Valle & Royal Concertgebouworkest  
2022 Concerts w/ Elida Almeida, Tito Paris, Dina Medina, Don Kikas  
2022 Nils Fischer & Timbazo concerts  
2022 Nueva Manteca release tour ART  
2022 Israel tour, tribute to Celia Cruz ft. Mayelis Guyat  
2022 CaboCubaJazz concerts Germany  
2022 Ramón Valle Boundless Forces ft. Rodney Barreto, Music Meeting  
2021 CaboCubaJazz concerts NL  
2021 Nueva Manteca concerts NL  
2021 Nils Fischer & Timbazo concerts NL  
2021 BremaVista, recordings & short tour Germany  
2021 ¡Salsa al Parque & Jazz! Balkonscènes  
2021 Descarga Amsterdam concerts  
2021 NPO plays Bond theater tour NL  
2020 Solo artist Tenerife Jazz Festival, Spain  
2020 Nueva Manteca Paradox, Tilburg & Blue Note, Eindhoven  
2020 Manouschka Amersfoort Jazz Festival  
2020 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour Germany  
2019 José James + NPO, North Sea Jazz Festival  
2019 Nueva Manteca Israel tour  
2019 CABOCUBAJAZZ Sunfest, Canada  
2019 Celia! ft. TIMBAZO tour Dutch theaters  
2019 CABOCUBAJAZZ regular & 'Perlas del Amor' tour NL  
2019 CABOCUBAJAZZ Freiburg & tour Germany  
2019 Ashton Brothers & NPO tour Dutch theaters  
2018 Nueva Manteca Santa Marta & Barranquilla, Colombia  
2018 Clinic Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia  
2018 CABOCUBAJAZZ regular & 'Perlas del Amor' tour NL  
2018 Mamma Mia! Beatrix Theater, Utrecht  
2018 On Your Feet! Musical, Beatrix Theater, Utrecht  
2018 Voice of Holland TV show, NL  
2018 NILS FISCHER & TIMBAZO tour NL  
2018 Nueva Manteca tour, NL  
2018 Rabelados tour  
2018 Conjunto Amsterdam tour  
2018 Celia! ft. TIMBAZO, Oerol, Terschelling, NL  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ North Sea Jazz Festival  
2017 NPO 1, TV House Band, Pauw & Jinek: De Verkiezingen  
2017 Concerts with Lura, Boy Gé Mendes, Sodade Festival, NL  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ Borneo Jazz Festival  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ Kuala Lumpur Jazz Festival  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ Bimhuis 2x  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ release album 'Corason Africano'  
2017 Lucrécia feat. Ramón Valle, Yelsi Herédia, Jamboree, Barcelona  
2017 Lucrécia, Múrcia Jazz, Spain  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour The Netherlands & Germany  
2017 Noordpool Orkest, tour Dutch theaters, festivals  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ Jazz Night Zug, CH  
2017 Vernon Chatlein PLM album release tour  
2017 Edwin Pérez (La Excelencia) Afro Latino Festival, Belgium  
2017 Dina Medina, Dag van de Romantiek, Rotterdam  
2017 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour The Netherlands & Germany

2016 CABOCUBAJAZZ release single 'Boas Festas'  
2016 Noordpool Orkest, tour Dutch theaters, festivals  
2016 TIMBAZO Sunfest, Canada  
2016 TIMBAZO tour The Netherlands  
2016 Concerts Loet van der Lee quartet  
2016 CABOCUBAJAZZ extended Israel tour  
2016 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour The Netherlands & Germany  
2016 Dutch Music Community concerts  
2016 Concerts with Tito Paris, Bonga, Sodade Festival, NL  
2016 Boy Gé Mendes, Denmark  
2016 Lutchinha, Rotterdam, NL  
2016 Lucrécia feat. Ramón Valle & Nils Fischer, Centro Born, Barcelona  
2015 TIMBAZO album release tour, major venues [Bimhuis, Music Meeting, National TV etc.]  
2015 Lucrécia feat. Ramón Valle & Nils Fischer, Jamboree, Barcelona  
2015 CABOCUBAJAZZ Penang Jazz Festival, Malaysia  
2015 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour  
2015 Dutch Music Community concerts feat. a.o. Snarky Puppy, album recording  
2015 Noordpool Orkest, tour Dutch theaters, festivals  
2014 CABOCUBAJAZZ Havana Jazz Festival, Cuba  
2014 CABOCUBAJAZZ extended tour, Germany  
2014 Elsa & Ramón Valle Recording session Budapest, Hungary  
2014 CABOCUBAJAZZ Viersen Jazz Festival, Germany  
2014 Noordpool Orkest, tour Dutch theaters, festivals  
2014 Nueva Manteca Crime Tour  
2013 CABOCUBAJAZZ Dutch tour  
2013 Samui Latin & Jazz Week, Thailand  
2013 CABOCUBAJAZZ Germany tour  
2013 Volkan Baydar tour Germany  
2013 Noordpool Orkest, tour Dutch theaters, festivals  
2013 Caribbean Cocktail theater tour Holland  
2013 April Jazz Espoo, Finland  
2013 Nueva Manteca tour  
2013 La Banda Ritmo Cubano tour Germany  
2013 CABOCUBAJAZZ Kinneksbond Luxembourg  
2013 CABOCUBAJAZZ Colors of Percussion, Austria  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ Bangkok City of Jazz  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ Samui Jazz Festival Thailand  
2012 SKINS & KEYS Dutch tour  
2012 Nueva Manteca Chicano Rock tour  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ Dutch tour  
2012 Drums United Austin, Texas USA  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ Sunfest, Canada  
2012 Drums United tour European Heart Beat Holland/Germany  
2012 Cubopcity Bigband Dutch tour 'Musica Uruguaya'  
2012 Drums United concerts USA  
2012 Recording TIMBAZO CD w/ Changuito, Calixto Oviedo & Carlos del Puerto  
2012 Concert w/ Northpole Orch. & Jan Akkerman  
2012 Drums United extended tour USA/ Canada  
2012 Nueva Manteca Concerts Guangju World Music Festival, Korea  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ, Drammen, Norway  
2012 CABOCUBAJAZZ Thailand tour  
2012 CD recording w/ Elsa Valle, Hungary  
2012 Cesaria Evora Tribute, De Doelen, Rotterdam  
2011 Drums United Montreal Drumfest  
2011 Nueva Manteca Xicano Rock tour  
2011 Nueva Manteca Colombia  
2011 CABOCUBAJAZZ Dutch CD release tour  
2011 Cubop City Bigband tour feat. Edmar Castañeda  
2011 Drums United concerts Germany

2011 Nueva Manteca Israel tour  
2011 Drums United Canada tour  
2011 TIMBAZO Dias Latinos Amersfoort  
2010 TIMBAZO Salsa Festival Drammen, Norway  
2010 clinic/concert with Calixto Oviedo, Drum3daagse, NL  
2010 TIMBAZO Festival Mundial, NL  
2010 Nueva Manteca Requiem tour  
2010 TIMBAZO Summer Carnival Rotterdam, NL  
2010 Drums United Algoma Festival, Canada  
2010 TIMBAZO De Doelen, NL  
2010 Nueva Manteca Tango con Clave tour  
2010 TIMBAZO RASA, NL  
2010 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour, NL  
2010 Drums United Norway  
2010 Drums United tour Germany  
2010 Drums United Sun Fest, London, Canada  
2010 Music Machine, Cypres  
2010 Cubop City Big Band tour 'Musica Afro Venezolana'  
2009 CABOCUBAJAZZ tour & CD recording  
2009 Concert w/ Elsa Valle at Budapest Concert Hall  
2009 Concerts with Van Merwijk's Music Machine [Holland & Bulgaria]  
2009 Drums United Mexico  
2009 Drums United Norway  
2009 Drums United tour The Netherlands  
2009 ¡Oído al Tambor! - tour Marco Toro Ensemble  
2009 Concertgebouw with Jorge Martínez & Paul de Leeuw  
2009 Concert w/ Metropole Orchestra, Rotterdam  
2009 Concerts with Estrella Acosta and Carlos Irraragorri  
2008 TIMBAZO, North Sea Jazz Festival main stage  
2008 Cubop City Bigband tour Colombia, Aruba, Curaçao, Suriname  
2008 Nueva Manteca Mexico  
2008 Drums United Cyprus  
2008 TIMBAZO Dutch tour "¡Gracias Joe Cuba!"  
2008 Nueva Manteca tour featuring Dave Valentín  
2008 Cubop City Bigband tour featuring Andy Gonzalez  
2008 Founding of CABOCUBAJAZZ; tour The Netherlands  
2008 Metropole Orchestra tour "Memorias De Cuba"  
2008 Drums United tour "Rhythms Of The World"  
2008 Various recording sessions: Cubop City Bigband, Metropole Orchestra, Nueva Manteca,  
Drums United, Armando Vidal, Latin Roma.  
2007 Cd release party, founding of NILS FISCHER & TIMBAZO  
2007 Cubop City Big band tour "Latin Divas"  
2007 Bulgaria/Serbia tour Drums United  
2007 Drums United tour "Ritmo Inferno"  
2007 Recording session Doble Jugada  
2007 Nueva Manteca tour "Motown Mambo"  
2006 Nueva Manteca tour Colombia  
2006 Recording session with Ramón & Elsa Valle in Budapest, Hungary  
2006 Pure Jazz Festival Cubop City Big Band  
2006 writing articles for Dutch Magazine "Slagwerkkran"  
2006 Recording sessions for solo cd  
2006 Nueva Manteca tour "My Fair Lady"  
2006 Nueva Manteca Croatia  
2006 North Sea Jazz Festival Cubop City Big Band  
2006 Fabian Nodarse tour Belgium  
2006 Drums United tour "Ritmo Inferno"  
2006 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
2006 Cubop City Big Band tour Bonaire & Curaçao  
2006 Cubop City Big Band tour "Latin Vocal Explosion"

2005 Recording sessions in Madrid and in The Netherlands for solo cd  
2005 Nueva Manteca tour "My Fair Lady"  
2005 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
2005 Cubop City Big Band tour "Tribute to Afro Cuba"  
2005 Cubop City Big Band tour "Latin Guitar Explosion"  
2005 *Buena Vista Social Club, Brussels w/ Pio Leiva, El Nene, Cotó and Luís Frank*  
2004 Nueva Manteca tour with Orestes Vilató  
2004 North Sea Jazz Festival  
2004 Drums United tour "World of Rhythm"  
2003 Puerto Rico Heineken Jazz Festival with Nueva Manteca  
2003 Nueva Manteca tour "The Westside Story" with Jeroen van Merwijk  
2003 Cubop City Big Band Tour "The Mambo Kings"  
2002 Trip to Puerto Rico, sitting in with Michael Stuart and other bands  
2002 till present with FABIAN NODARSE  
2002 Nueva Manteca tour with Ralph Irizarry  
2002 Drums United tour "HIT"  
2001 Trip to Cuba, playing & recording with members of "Charanga Habanera" (supported by Dutch Ministry of Arts)  
2001 Rumbatá tour Greece  
2001 Gerardo Rosales y su Trabucombo tour with Frankie Vazquez & Roberto Quintero  
2001 Euro Radio Big Band Meeting for EBU  
2001 Descarga Amsterdam tour with Brian Lynch  
2001 Cubop City Big Band tour with tresero Nelson Gonzales  
2001 Cubop City Big Band France  
2000 till present joins DRUMS UNITED  
2000 Nueva Manteca tour Israel  
2000 North Sea Jazz Festival  
2000 La Banda Iré in Imatra Finland  
2000 Carlos Matos tour  
2000 Bomba Moderna France  
1999 Trip to New York (supported by Dutch Ministry of Arts)  
1999 Tour Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Curaçao & Aruba with the Cubop City Big Band  
1999 Rumbata in Cape Verde  
1999 Recording video with "Combinação Malta Dumeé" starring Carlos Malta  
1999 North Sea Jazz Festival  
1999 Cubop City Big Band tour with percussionist Armando Peraza  
1999 Carlos Matos tour Cape Verde with Luis Morais and Ildu Lobo  
1998 till present percussion teacher at Rotterdam's Conservatory (CODARTS)  
1998 Nueva Manteca tour with Luis Conte  
1998 Nueva Manteca at Salsa Festival Turku Finland  
1998 Carlos Matos tour with Titina  
1997 till 2001 with LA BANDA IRÉ, house band in clubs: Amsterdam's "Meander", "De Pater"  
1997 Nueva Manteca tour USA & Canada  
1997 Nueva Manteca tour Denmark & Finland  
1997 Cubop City Big Band tour with Edy Martinez  
1996 Nueva Manteca on Trinidad & Tobago  
1996 Nueva Manteca Jazzfestival Kouvola Finland  
1996 North Sea Jazz Festival  
1996 Cubop City Big Band tour with Chocolate Armenteros  
1995 till present with CUBOP CITY BIG BAND  
1995 Nueva Manteca tour with Claudio Roditi  
1995 Nueva Manteca tour with Bobby Sanabria  
1995 Nueva Manteca tour USA  
1995 Nueva Manteca tour Germany  
1995 Nueva Manteca tour Denmark  
1995 "Award for outstanding service to jazz education" in Los Angeles  
1994 till present with CARLOS MATOS  
1994 Nueva Manteca tour with Orestes Vilató  
1994 Nueva Manteca Leeds International Music Festival  
1994 North Sea Jazz Festival

1994 Euro Jazz Night TV show  
1993 till present teacher at the PENTATON PERCUSSION SCHOOL  
1993 Nueva Manteca tour Armando Peraza  
1993 Nueva Manteca tour Porgy & Bess  
1992 till present concerts at Dutch concert halls and tv shows such as Van Barend & Dorp, VARA Laat, Reiziger, Klokhuis, Bert Visser, Kunststof TV  
1992 till present with NUEVA MANTECA  
1992 Nueva Manteca with Giovanni Hidalgo  
1991 until today playing in the Dutch jazz, world music and Latin scene  
1991 till 1996 studies at Rotterdam's Conservatory, graduating Cum Laude  
1988 tour in California, USA with school band  
1987 extensive studies in Santiago de Cuba and Havana  
1985 till 1991 busy in local jazz, world music and Latin scene

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS

### Latin America & Caribbean

Barranquijazz + Medejazz, Colombia 2023  
Barranquilla + Santa Marta, Colombia 2017  
Havana Jazz Festival Jazz Plaza, 2014  
Leon de Greiff, Bogotá, Colombia 2011  
Medejazz, Medellín, Colombia 2008  
Barranquijazz, Barranquilla, Colombia 2008  
Aruba Jazz Festival 2008  
Suriname Torarica Paramaribo 2008  
Ollin Kan Festival, Mexico City 2008  
Barranquijazz, Barranquilla, Colombia 2006  
Bogotá Jazzfestival 2006  
Bonaire Jazzfestival 1999, 2006  
Curaçao Jazzfestival 2006, 2008  
Heineken Jazz, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2003  
Free Winds Jazz club Aruba 1999  
Jazz Festival Sint Maarten 1997, 1999  
Pan Jazz Festival VIII Trinidad & Tobago 1996  
Curaçao KLM Jazz Festival 1994, 1997

### USA & Canada

Sunfest 2012, 2016, 2019  
Montreal Drum Fest, 2011  
S.O.B.'s New York City 1995  
Congress of Jazz, Anaheim 1995  
Catalinas, Los Angeles 1995  
City Theater, San Diego 1995  
Joshi's, Oakland 1997  
San José Jazz festival 1997  
Festival International de Montreal 1995  
Toronto Jazz Festival 1995  
Israel, Latin America Festival 2023, 2024

### Other

North Sea Jazz Festival 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2017, 2019  
France Toros y Salsa 2000, 2001, 2023  
Music Meeting 2015, 2022  
Israel tour 2001, 2011, 2016, 2019, 2022  
Festival Mundial 2005, 2010  
Borneo Jazz Festival 2017  
Kuala Lumpur Jazz Festival 2017  
Samuijazz Thailand 2012, 2013  
Colors of Percussion, Austria 2013  
Bangkok Jazz Festival 2012  
Zomercarnaval Rotterdam 2001, 2010  
Latin Village 2008  
Norway Salsa Festival 2010  
Gwangju World Music Festival 2012  
Cyprus Jazz Festival Limassol, Nicosia 2008  
Serbia Spancirfest Varazdin 2006  
Tessaloniki Salsa Festival 2001  
Latin Dance Beats 2001  
Euro Radio Big Band Meeting 2001  
Baia Das Gatas, Cape Verde 1999 [twice]  
Jazz Festival Kouvola 1996, 2000  
Latin Jazz Festival Iväskyla 1996, 2000  
Copacabana Helsinki 2000  
Imatra Big Band Festival 2000  
France Toros y Salsa 2000, 2001, 2023  
Salsa Festival Turku 1998  
Jazzhouse, Kopenhagen 1995, 1997  
Århus Jazzfestival 1997  
Euro Jazz Night 1994  
Jazz behind the Dikes 1995 Germany  
Leeds International Music Festival 1998

## NILS PERFORMED and/or RECORDED with

Orestes Vilató	Yelsi Herédia	Karl Perazzo
José James	Toy Vieira	Raúl Rekow
Armando Peraza	Elida Almeida	Rebeca Mauleón
Metropole Orchestra	Don Kikas	Luis Morais (Cesaria Evora)
Giovanni Hidalgo	Dave Valentin	Rafú Warner (Bobby Valentín)
Michel Camilo	Claudio Rodíti	Denise Jannah
Andy Gonzalez	Brian Lynch	Laura Fygi
Issac Delgado	Luis Conte	Manuel d'Novas (Cesaria)
Pio Leiva	Alberto Molote Muñoz	Yolandita Rivera
Pepe Espinosa	Alfredo "Chocolate"	Meñique
Luis Frank	Armenteros	Chando Graciosa (Bitori)
Bonga	Roberto Vizcaino	Michael Stuart
Tito Paris	Ali B.	Ralph Irizarry
Tineke Postma	Larry Harlow	Tito De Gracia
Alain Pérez	Carel Kraayenhof	Roberto Quintero
Edmar Castañeda	Bobby Sanabria	Frankie Vazquez
Pedro Lugo El Nene	Edy Martínez	Janne Schra
Juan de la Cruz "Cotó"	Nelson Gonzalez	Zéca (Bulimundo)
Avishai Cohen	John Benitez	Cabo Verde Show
Ramón Valle	Lilian Viera	Rabelados
Paquito D'Rivera	Izaline Calister	
Lura	John Santos	

## QUOTES ON NILS FISCHER & TIMBAZO

Descarga.com: "Easily one of the best CDs of the year. Very highly recommended!"

Radio 6Soul&Jazz: "Supertight performance at Mundial, a Latin-machine with fantastic musicians. Great vibes!!!"

Drums & Percussion, Germany: "A daringly dexterous, energy-loaded and truly sweeping album. Gets you out of your seat in a heartbeat - check it out!!!"

Salsaholic.de: "This Band just blows you away!"

Latin Beat Magazine, California: "A spectacular debut."

Beyond Magazine, The Netherlands: "Musical excitement from the beginning to the end...every second is happening...TOPTIMBA!!!"

Jazz, The Netherlands: "...you think you're in a dancing crowd in Havana...!"\*\*\*\*

Caribe Magazine: "Nils Fischer & Timbazo (Cuba) with its top-level salsa moved the crowd directly onto the dance-floor."

Calixto Oviedo: "Cómo suena el disco, la banda es BUENÍSIMA DE VERDAD!"

Sonny Bravo: "WOW!!! What a band! Extremely well done and is of the highest order! Very strong charts and performances! Can't wait for the next one!"

Joe Cuba: "I enjoy it very much, and I already listened to it a lot. A unique concept! Congratulations - ¡Que Chévere!"

Armando Peraza: "The music is very authentic and very, very good."

Salsapaca, France: "...una producción vigorosa y rebozante de entusiasmo...contiene además aquel ingrediente que está frecuentemente ausente en la industria salsera moderna: El Sabor..."

Ralph Irizarry: "This has to be one of the top recordings of the year!"

Rebeca Mauleón: "Brilliantly conceived and performed tribute to one of Salsa's unsung heroes... every track explodes with fire!"

John Santos: "...swings like crazy!!!"

Bobby Sanabria: "...explosive rhythm section...the hippest dance music around..."

Eddie Montalvo: "Great album, modern arrangements, great job!"

George Rivera, Florida: "The band shines throughout the entire project..."

Timba.com: "...cutting-edge arrangements..."



Cultuurpodium: "Dazzling performance."  
Salsapower.com: "...horns blaring, percussions faster than the speed of light and singers just spitting fire...!"  
Herencia Latina, Colombia: "...es una joya que debería estar en la colección de cada melomano que realmente se respete."  
QuePasaMagazine, Great Britain: "...very authentic sound...an enjoyable album..."  
OkaSalsa, Japan: "Los amantes de la música latina deben tenerlo!"  
Mambo-Master, Germany: "A very modern, excellently arranged and perfectly recorded album ...incredible rhythm-section."  
Slagwerkkrant, The Netherlands: "Extremely energetic - seems to jump out of your speakers...fresh arrangements with a lot of rhythmic surprises..."  
Off-Beat, Germany: "Excellent, power percussion!"  
Petra, Germany: "...your hips start moving automatically!"  
Vinilemania, Italy: "...truly excellent...a CD that will be talked about and that will remain in the case of many DJ's for a long time to come..."  
DJ Margarita, USA: "If you like your Salsa "Red & Hot", & with plenty of "Swing", then you'll most definitely want to add this CD to your collection...an incredible tribute to the days of Joe Cuba."

#### QUOTES ON NILS FISCHER'S ENSEMBLE CABOCUBAJAZZ

Latin Beat Magazine, USA: "Seductive, inspirational, passionate!"  
Mixed Worldmusic: "The really great sound brings it to an extremely high level.  
A mix of mellow Cabo, rough Cuba, with a touch of Jazz - maybe the perfect blend."  
Volkskrant: "Beautiful Contrasts" \*\*\*\*  
Trouw: "A unique transatlantic concept: the encounter of Cuba and Cape Verde within elegant, swinging and powerful jazz arrangements. Exciting improvisations and super-tight rhythmic feel can be enjoyed all over the CD."  
Slagwerkkrant: "Wow this sounds fantastic, incredible rhythm all the way - a revelation."  
Semana, Cape Verde: "The perfect blend."  
Radio 6Soul&Jazz: "We want more!"  
John Santos, Puerto Rico, Cape Verde, US: "Beautiful - what a great concept and production  
- all top-notch musicians and arrangers!"  
Volkskrant, on live performance: "Sensational...they enter the boundless landscapes of jazz." \*\*\*\*  
Luis Conte, Cuba, US: "I love the way Cabo Verde and Afro Cuba merge together on CaboCubaJazz' debut CD. I don't know if this has been done ever before...great work!"  
Ozusalsa, Japan: "Effective groove, unique atmosphere."  
Cultuurpodium: "CaboCubaJazz spread out a warm musical carpet."  
Solar Latin Club, Colombia: "A musical jewel!"  
Pleasurekrant: "A masterpiece"  
Jazzism: "A rich cocktail of great flavors"  
VPROgids: "High-quality manifestation of musical blending..."  
Mendes Brothers, Cape Verde, US: "Fantastic project! Very innovative album bridging the culture of two creole nations: Cabo Verde and Cuba. Congratulations!"  
Descarga.com, USA: "Without any effort, with a healthy dose of timba!"  
Muziekweb: "Groovy, swinging music...top musicians!"  
Algemeen Dagblad: "A warm 'feel-good CD' you want to keep listening to."  
Sticks, Germany: "Very lively strong rhythmic pulse... beautifully floating - really gets under your skin."  
Drums & Percussion, Germany: "Passionate, exiting, sweeping, can't stop listening to it."  
Tito Paris, Cape Verde, Portugal: "The music of CaboCubaJazz makes me very happy. Parabéns!"  
Calixto Oviedo: "Tremendos arreglos y tremenda interpretación de todos los músicos. La percusión es GENIAL."