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JAZZ

David Sánchez

Coral

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RECRUITED for Dizzy Gillespie's world-jazz orchestra when still in his teens, the Puerto Rican tenor-saxophonist David Sánchez possesses one of the most distinctive and vocalised sounds in jazz.



Like the Argentine tenorist Gato Barbieri, he has a special affinity with Latin American themes, and can invest a mood of passion and urgency into a ballad simply by playing the melody.

On this beautiful album, his quintet meets the City of Prague Symphony Orchestra in music by Brazil's Heitor Villa-Lobos and Argentina's Alberto Ginastera. Rarely have sophisticated strings, lyrical improvisation and authentic Latin percussion blended so effectively.

Jack Massarik