



JAZZ NOTES, a Source of Quotes

The Jazzmandu Reporter engages in informal chats with musicians, meets with Jazzmandu participants, jazz fans and music enthusiasts and collects a few interesting Jazz Notes before and during the festival.



20th October 2011 –The Jazzmandu Reporter went to the airport to greet the colourful and lively Cuban League members and had a chat with the three members of the band on the way from the airport to town. Their liveliness, playfulness and energy was contagious and for an early morning meet, a perfect way to fully wake up! Our chat was interspaced with their spontaneous reactions on what they were discovering on the way.

Jazzmandu Reporter: Welcome to Nepal..! Yuniior, it is your second time in Kathmandu and Jazzmandu, but Xiomara and Axel this is a new destination for you.

Yuniior Terry: Yes, I was here already in 2006 with the Allstar Latin Jazz band. I am so happy to be back again!!

Xiomara Laugart: First time in this part of the world! It is so great to be here!

Axel Tosca Laugart: Waoh! It's really great to be here! You know it's my first time coming to Nepal and when we went to the Nepal Embassy in New York for our visa, the people there were so nice and helpful, so friendly (putting his hand on his heart)

Xiomara Laugart: What a lovely, colourful city! Oh, look at the monkeys jumping from that tree!! (Xiomara's comments on what she sees are frequent along the way)

Yuniior Terry: I can see that the traffic is as crazy, if not more, than the last time I was here!

Jazzmandu Reporter: Everyone is really looking forward to the Cuban league's performances. Sadly you will not be with us for the grand Finale as you will all be leaving on 24th. Why do you have to leave early?

Yuniior Terry: We all have other commitments. I have a recording to do...

Axel Tosca Laugart: I will be playing in Harlem on 26th...

Xiomara Laugart: ... and me in Miami also on 26th...

Jazzmandu Reporter: Tell me Xiomara, is that true that Axel is your son..?

Xiomara Laugart: Yes! You look as surprised as the stewardess on the plane when I asked for a drink for me “and my son”! They couldn’t believe it! (both Xiomara and Axel give me a mischievous smile)

Jazzmandu Reporter: So do you both often play together in a mother and son team?

Xiomara Laugart: All the time! with Yuniór too!

Yuniór Terry and Axel Tosca Laugart: Yeah, all the time the three of us!

Jazzmandu Reporter: But I couldn’t find any reference from The Cuban League band anywhere...

Yuniór Terry: That’s because we play as a project, but now we have created this name especially for this trip!

Jazzmandu Reporter: Will you keep it?

Yuniór Terry: I think so... but we need to get pictures of the three of us together, so I think this is a great opportunity to start doing that here in Jazzmandu for the Cuban League!

It was time now to let Yuniór, Xiomara and Axel fully enjoy the many news sights we were passing in the city and listen to their happy fireworks of wah’s and oh’s...

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