

CARLOS MENA

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CARLOS MENA BASS

Guitars, keyboards on track 5, vocals on tracks 4 & 7

MARTHA KATO PIANO

FRANCO PINNA DRUMS

KATHERINE YEW VOCALS ON TRACK 4, 5

JORGE MENA HARP ON TRACK 7



WITH THE PEOPLE



On his debut album, *With the People/Con Personas*, **Carlos Mena** elegantly bridges the rich musical traditions of the Ecuadorian Sierra with the sophisticated textures of contemporary jazz and classical music. The trio features the talents of Martha Kato on piano, Franco Pinna on drums, and Carlos Mena on bass, guitar, vocals, and keyboard.

Together they create an intricate landscape of sound inviting audiences to engage in a sensory experience that evokes visual imagery and induces a shamanic meditative state. This trio is further enriched by the haunting vocals of Katherine Yew and the enchanting harp of Jorge Mena and crafts a sonic dialogue transcending cultural and geographical boundaries.

The result is a compelling collection of songs that reflects Mena's musical experiences and reveals a deep connection to his roots.

1 COMENZAR	7:38
2 DOCTOR TARANTULA	4:55
3 CORAZA	7:36
4 CON PERSONAS/WITH THE PEOPLE	6:57
5 CLOSE TO YOU	2:43
6 HIDDEN MOUNTAIN	6:02
7 VUELA	2:34

ALL COMPOSITIONS BY CARLOS MENA

Recorded in 2023 at Pinch Records in New York City and released under the Pinch Recording label, *With the People/Con Personas* offers a musical tapestry woven from diverse influences, inviting listeners to explore the beauty of cross-cultural collaboration.

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