

SALSACELTICA



“Cuban jazz with a Celtic accent... Music doesn't get more exciting than this.”
– *The Boston Globe*

“A stunning shotgun marriage of eclectic musical styles... virtuosos to a man...”
– *Billboard*

“...it's like a potent cocktail of Scottish whisky and Cuban rum, a steamy Havana ceilidh driven by an irresistible beat.”
– *Dirty Linen*



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SALSA CELTICA is a unique Scottish group famed for championing – and possibly inventing – a form of music characterized by the unlikely fusion of salsa music with traditional Scottish sounds, including elements of folk and jazz. Featuring up to eleven musicians from Venezuela, Ireland, Cuba, and Scotland playing an eclectic mix of instruments that includes brass, Celtic pipes, and congas, **Salsa Celtica** presents an improbably electrifying experience.

Salsa Celtica's remarkable success story began in 1995 in the bars and clubs of Scotland's Edinburgh and Glasgow, where the band was an immediate hit with locals as well as the newly-arrived Hispanic community. After recording their debut album "**Monstruos y Demonios**" ("*Monsters and Demons*"), the group headed to Cuba to hang out with salsa groups and to soak up the Afro-Cuban sounds in Havana and Santiago de Cuba. Swapping whisky for rum, they were asked to join musical/religious "*bembe*" gatherings and invited to worship the Afro-Cuban "*orichas*." Returning to Scotland, the deft musicians continue to refine their newly acquired tastes and skills, with their third release "**El Agua de la Vida**" ("*The Water of Life*") reaching number 5 on the World Music Chart of Europe. Released in the U.S. on Compass Records, the album underscored the contagious appeal of **Salsa Celtica's** Latin/Celtic fusion, and was followed up with the equally engaging "**El Camino**" ("*The Way*").

Merging fiercely exuberant Afro-Cuban rhythms with the whirl and skirl of Scottish bagpipes and fiddles, and peppering it with jazz, **Salsa Celtica** has carved an engrossing and distinctive musical niche, and has now set its sights on conquering the New World!

