



On the island of Australia, tens of thousands of miles from the birthplace of Salsa, Tumbao Social, a charismatic 11-piece ensemble, pays homage to

the Latin Dance & Salsa Romantica orchestras of the '80s and '90s, with a post Y2K flavour.

Inspired by the unforgettable sounds of Willie Rosario, Bobby Valentin, Tommy Olivencia, Frankie Ruiz, Adolescent's Orchestra, and The Puerto Rican Power, Tumbao's goal is simple yet ambitious. Create world-class Salsa music and honour the rhythm and cultures of a pivotal era in Latin music's history.

Since their inception in 2018, the band, led by composer and arranger Joseph Bonilla, has indeed hit the ground running. With monthly residencies at some of Melbourne's most loved and recognizable Latin Music venues such as The Night Cat, selling out shows throughout Victoria, and featuring at many of Australia's premier Latin music and dance festivals, Tumbao Social aren't slowing down. Over just two years, the robust and intensely orchestrated group have played host to Salsa giants and Grammy-winning artists, including Luisito Quintero, Roberto Quintero, Doug Beavers, and Carlos Henriquez.

Having firmly made their mark in Melbourne and Victoria, Tumbao Social are prepared for another big year, continuing their forward trajectory and expanding their reach across Australia. Alongside a busy performance schedule, 2020 will include the recording of their highly anticipated debut album, with a release date to be promoted shortly after.

The album, entitled '*Elegance*,' will showcase songs written by members of the band and arranged by some of Salsa's most respected figureheads; Prolific writer and arranger Ramón Sánchez, known for his work with Gilberto Santa Rosa, Jerry Rivera, Frankie Ruiz, and so many more amazing artists. Tommy Villariny, famous for his work with Frankie Ruiz & Willie Rosario. Internationally renowned producer and multi-Grammy

nominated trombonist, composer, and arranger Doug Beavers. Francisco Torres, Grammy-nominated musical director and producer for Poncho Sanchez, and a member of the world-renowned Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band. And legend Tito Rivera, known for his work with Don Perignon and Victor Manuelle.

Tumbao Social is:

Vocals – Eddie Estrada
Vocals – Sebastian Gonzalez Lugo
Piano – Joseph Bonilla
Bass – Juan Oseguera
Timbales – Juan Pablo Vera
Congas – Edgar Antonio Bonilla
Bongos – Toby Bender
Trombone – Glenn Jacobi
Trombone – Aryo Hall
Trombone – Lachlan Smith
Baritone Saxophone – Jack Beeche

Testimonials:

An amazing band! They bring such a great atmosphere and vibe, cannot stop dancing as soon as they start playing, love it! - Sylvie Martinez

"These guys rock my Salsa world!" - Kiki Lopez-Espinal (Melbourne Salsa, Dance Company)

"Fantastic band and great music. They played with lots of feeling and passion, truly awesome!" - Lindsay Campbell

"(I) saw them play at the Night Cat in Fitzroy, and they were fantastic! Brilliant selection of songs and were great with getting the audience dancing." - Tim Michael

"Absolutely awesome performance. You've certainly raised the bar in the Latin scene!" - Jackie Kehoe

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