

## BOB QUARANTA-Biography

**Bob Quaranta**, pianist, received his BM in music theory from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts. For over ten years, he was a member of **Mongo Santamaria's band** and served as musical director. Additionally, he composed songs for the band, five of which appeared on Mongo's recordings. Two recordings Bob appeared on with Mongo were nominated for Grammy Awards: "Mongo Magic" and "Espiritu Libre". Quaranta has also performed and/or recorded with: **Dave Valentin, Willie Colon, Ray Barretto, Tommy Igoe, Angel Canales** and **Jellybean Benitez**.



With **John Scofield**, he recorded on the Yamaha instructional video *The Drumset, A Musical Approach*. Other studio sessions include TV commercials for IBM and soundtrack work for Vestron Video. Quaranta has also recorded a piano disk for the Yamaha Disklavier. He appears on the Hudson Music *Drummers Collective 25th Anniversary Celebration & Bass Day 2002* DVD and CD. He continues to serve as an integral member of the **Ed Palermo Big Band** and currently is on the faculty at The Collective in New York City. He is also playing piano with **Andrea Brachfeld** and the **Phoenix Rising Latin Jazz Ensemble**. On Brachfeld's latest recording, *Into the World, A Musical Offering, Jazz Improv NY*, reports "Quaranta's wealth of experience in Latin music grounds the ensemble" in the song Q, (composed by Quaranta). Additionally, Quaranta's playing has been characterized as "magnificent" in the book, *Latin Jazz: The First of The Fusions*, **John Storm Roberts**.

### Discography (with)

#### MONGO SANTAMARIA

- *Afro Blue: The Picante Collection (Concord)*
- *Free Spirit/Espiritu Libre (M.I.L. Multimedia)*
- *Live at Jazz Alley (Concord)*
- *Mucho Mongo: Soca Me Nice/Olé Ola (Concord)*
- *Olé Ola (Concord)*
- *Skin on Skin: The Mongo Santamaria Anthology (Rhino)*
- *Soca Me Nice (Concord)*
- *Soy Yo (Concord)*
- *Mongo Magic (Roulette)*
- *Instant Party (Concord)*
- *Mucho Mambo Mongo (Recall)*
- *Slap It (12" Single) (TBS)*

#### ANGEL CANALES

- *Ya Es Tiempo/It's time (Top Ten Hits)*
- *Different Shades of Thought (Universal Music Latino)*

## ED PALERMO BIG BAND

- *Papier Machè (Vile Heifer)*
- *Ping Pong (Pro Jazz)*
- *Plays the Music of Frank Zappa (Astor Place)*
- *Take Your Clothes Off When You Dance (Cuneiform)*
- *Eddy Loves Frank (Cuneiform)*
- *Oh No! Not Jazz!! (Cuneiform)*
- *One Child Left Behind (Cuneiform)*
- *The Great Un-American Songbook, Volumes I & II (Cuneiform)*

## ANDREA BRACHFELD

- *Remembered Dreams (Latin Cool)*
- *Into the World: A Musical Offering (Shaneye)*
- *Lady of The Island (Zoho Music)*

## Various Artists

- *Concord Picante 25th Anniversary (Concord)*
- *Concord Records 30th Anniversary (Concord)*
- *Drummers Collective 25th Anniversary and Bass Day 2002 (DVD/CD) (Hudson Music)*
- *Zappanale 13 (DVD/CD) (Gema)*
- *2006 Detroit International Jazz Festival (Mack Avenue Records, Inc.)*
- *Jazz Improv Magazine Vol.8 No.2 Companion CD*
- *A Passion for Music: LP Holiday CD: Volume 8 (LP)*
- *Jellybean Benitez Just Visiting This Planet (Chrysalis)*
- *Chris Coleman Ecclesiastes 12:13*
- *Willie Colon Top Secrets (Fania)*
- *Eisenhauer Bros. Orchestra Golpeando Hiero (DROPS)*
- *Guido Freddi Taranta Steps (Guido Freddi)*
- *Tommy Igoe New Ground (Premier)*
- *Bob Quaranta La Bamba (Yamaha Disklavier)*
- *Adalberto Santiago Cosas Del Alma (WS Latino)*
- *Patricia Tortorici New York Story ([sic] sisters)*

### Credits:

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