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## Orlando Valle "Maraca" Y Otra Vision

### ***Tremenda Rumba!***

CD (Ahi-Nama Records 1034), Released 2002;

#### **Editor's Pick:**

Spectacular new release by flautist Orlando Valle "Maraca," who seems to take each new project to a higher level of excitement and artistic excellence. I didn't think there was much room for improvement needed for Mr. Valle's previous release "Descarga Total," which I think was, and still is, a truly sparkling effort, but "Tremenda Rumba," with its open palette of salsa, descarga, timba, hip-hop, danzón and folklore, is an adventure you should not miss. Sporting a cast of special guests like the rumba group Yoruba Andabo, extraordinary percussionists Changuito and Tatá Güines, vocalists Mayito Rivera and Yumurí, violinist Lazaro Dagoberto Gonzalez and tresero Pancho Amat, "Tremenda Rumba" was destined to be something special from the onset.

The explosive salsa "Se Te Acabó La Rumba" (Orlando Valle) sets the tone for an unrelenting dance party, but it is "Catígala," the salsa-ragga tune is the one I imagine will unite the young club-hopping dance addicts. It's infectious, and a lot of fun.

This is an enhanced CD that features a video of the hit "Descarga Total." Hot music with hot dancing girls...a combustible combination that I highly recommend.