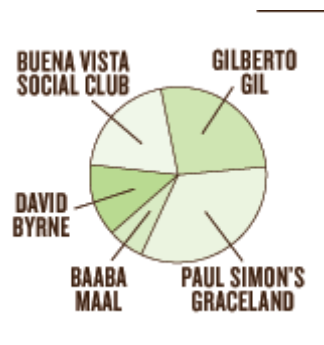


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A fascinating musical mash-up



CD: Andy Palacio & the Garifuna Collective

We're used to the idea that the best musicians and producers working today tend to take an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink approach to mixing genres. **But the songs on the glorious new CD *Wátina* represent a musical mash-up that's indigenous and historic rather than forced five minutes ago in an American recording studio.**

The album (not out until 2/27, but you can stream 12 minutes of it right now, free, using the link below) is a collaboration between Belizian superstar Andy Palacio and the Garifuna Collective — performing legends whose musical tradition blends Spanish, French, Carib, Arawak, and West African language and instrumentation.

Wátina will surely bring new fans to a heretofore somewhat obscure musical subculture in the way Paul Simon's *Graceland* did in the '80s or *Buena Vista Social Club* did in the '90s — but you definitely don't need any ethnographic backstory whatsoever to groove to this transcendent, infectiously rhythmic music.

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