

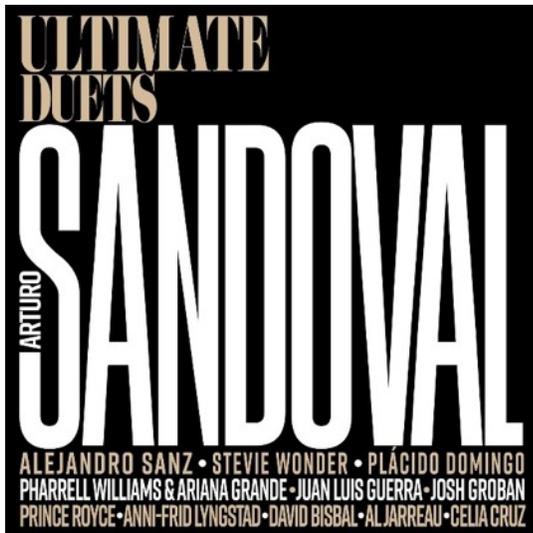
ARTURO SANDOVAL

Ten-Time Grammy Winning Jazz Icon ARTURO SANDOVAL Will Release New Album “*ULTIMATE DUETS*” On May 18th

The Album’s Pre-Sale Begins Today With The RELEASE Of First Single “*Andante, Andante*” Featuring The Return Of ABBA’s ANNI-FRID LYGSTAD
- marking the first time a member of the Swedish Supergroup has re-recorded one of their classics

This landmark album also contains an unparalleled mix of collaborations with legends and new generation voices from the worlds of Pop, Jazz, Classical & Latin music including: **STEVIE WONDER, PHARRELL WILLIAMS & ARIANA GRANDE, PLÁCIDO DOMINGO, CELIA CRUZ, JOSH GROBAN, JUAN LUIS GUERRA, AL JARREAU, ALEJANDRO SANZ, PRINCE ROYCE and DAVID BISBAL**

[Watch a special preview video of Arturo Sandoval’s “*Ultimate Duets*” here](#)



“Born into poverty in Cuba and held back by his government, he risked everything to share his gifts with the world. In the decades since, this astonishing trumpeter, pianist and composer has inspired audiences in every corner of the world and awakened a new generation of great performers. He remains one of the best ever to play.” –Barack Obama (presenting Arturo Sandoval The Presidential Medal of Freedom

Ten-time Grammy winner Arturo Sandoval will release his new album “*Ultimate Duets*” on May 18th. Marking Sandoval’s first release in five years, and the continuation of a distinguished four-decade catalogue of over 30 groundbreaking titles, the album finds artists from the worlds of pop, jazz, classical and Latin music coming together for the Cuban maestro’s first duets release. At the outset of recording, Arturo simply asked each participant to suggest a favorite song they would like to reimagine with the trumpet legend, and the results are as wide-ranging and illustrious as the list of collaborators. Today, (April 27th) sees the opening of pre-sale availability for “*Ultimate Duets*” with the release of first single “*Andante, Andante*” – featuring the awaited return of the globally recognized voice of ABBA’s Anni-Frid Lyngstad. Sandoval and Lyngstad’s take on the

song from the multi-platinum *Super Trooper* album marked the first time that a member of the Swedish supergroup has returned to the studio to record one of their classics. With producer Gregg Field also working on the list of collaborators, the project saw Stevie Wonder choose to record “*People*” (which he and Sandoval first performed at a Grammy tribute to Barbara Streisand), whereas Prince Royce turned the tables and decided to record Stevie Wonder’s “*Don’t You Worry ‘Bout a Thing*” in a contemporary Bachata style.

Many other magic moments materialized as the project grew, such as Alejandro Sanz (who appears on his own duet of “*Corazon Partio*”) brilliantly suggesting the addition of guitar legend Vicente Amigo to a flamenco infused version of Plácido Domingo’s classic “*Granada*”. Participating in the album inspired Pharrell Williams to write the new, personal and specifically titled “*Arturo Sandoval*” with an invitation also extended to Ariana Grande. At Arturo’s own request to his longtime friend Al Jarreau to revisit the famed hit “*After All,*” the fellow multiple-Grammy winner decided to write a new spoken word introduction. The addition of “*The Pyramids, the China Wall... I’ll still be here After All... Mountains may crumble and stars may fall... I’ll still be here After All.*” became even more emotional and timeless as it became Jarreau’s final recording, with the vocalist sadly passing away soon after the song’s completion. Similarly, Sandoval could not envision completing a full duets album without playing alongside the distinctive voice of his beloved friend and Cuban music icon Celia Cruz. The album is rounded out with additional duets with the powerful voice of Josh Groban, revered Dominican maestro Juan Luis Guerra, and Spain’s dynamic pop vocalist David Bisbal (*see track listing below*).

Tomorrow (April 28th), Arturo Sandoval will perform at [The Miami Downtown Jazz Festival](#), and will follow with visits to Nashville, Washington DC, Chicago, San Francisco, Seoul, South Korea and more through May and June. See his full tour schedule here: <http://arturosandoval.com/home/tour-schedule/>

Ultimate Duets Track Listing

1. “**Don’t You Worry ‘Bout A Thing**” - **Sandoval & Prince Royce**
2. “**Corazon Partio**” - **Sandoval & Alejandro Sanz**
3. “**People**” - **Sandoval & Stevie Wonder**
4. “**Granada**” - **Sandoval & Plácido Domingo Ft. Vicente Amigo**
5. “**Arturo Sandoval**” - **Sandoval & Pharell Williams & Ariana Grande**
6. “**Solo Esta Soledad**” - **Sandoval & Josh Groban**
7. “**La Bilirrubina**” - **Sandoval & Juan Luis Guerra**
8. “**Andante, Andante**” - **Sandoval & Anni-Frid Lyngstadt**
9. “**El Ruido**” - **Sandoval & David Bisbal**
10. “**After All**” - **Sandoval & Al Jarreau**
11. “**Quimbara**” - **Sandoval & Celia Cruz**

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