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Cassava is a group of Latin musicians based in Toronto who perform musical styles and rhythms from many areas of Latin America. The music reflects the colour and flavour of traditional and contemporary Latin styles: for example, Salsa, Bolero and Cah-cha-cha from Cuba, Bossa Nova and Samba from Brazil, Cumbia from Columbia, and also contemporary Latin, and mainstream Jazz.

Cassava's colourful performances at festivals, clubs and special events involve total audience participation and never fail to keep the crowd moving to real Latin rhythms: "We make the whole audience participate and feel like part of the show".

Since 1997 Cassava has been performing at various festivals such as SANTE, Ritmo y Color Latin Festival at Toronto's Harbourfront, Northern Lights Festival in Sudbury, Niagara, Barrie's Kempenfest, Hamilton Jazz Festival, The Taste of The Danforth, Toronto Street Festival, and many more events. In August 2000, CASSAVA took part in Ritmo Latino, a series of Latin music concerts at Harbourfront, Toronto. As well, it has maintained regular engagements at clubs and restaurants such as Havana Nights, Louisiana, Snug Harbour and The Red Violin, in addition to a busy schedule of private functions and corporate events.

Cassava has made a successful tour through the Maritimes in February/ March 2003. The audience of major theatres, such as the Capitol in Moncton and Imperial in Saint John joined the band dancing on the stage. Surely a tour that cannot be forgotten!

Parallel to their performances, Cassava provides frequent Rhythm & Dance workshops to primary, elementary, high school and university students. The musicians also explain the variety of rhythms integral to the music they perform. --"We are always pleased to give the audience the opportunity to learn more about Latin music, and to show the differences between the various styles".

The band to date has produced two CDs: "Latin Rhythms," (2002) and "Encuentros." (May 2004). The latest CD has a selection of 12 original compositions by musicians Alberto Alberto, and Rodrigo Chavez. "Encuentros," was broadcasted by CBC Radio in English, Radio Canada in French, in addition to CUIT, CKLN Radio and Jazz FM.

For CD distribution and purchasing contact www.indiepool.com

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Rodrigo Chavez, Director

BAND MEMBERS

Orlando Hernandez, singer/ Alexander Brown, trumpet/ Reinier Torres, trumpet/ Orlando Cardoso, piano/ Fredy Suarez, bass / Rosendo Leon, timbales / Rodrigo Chavez, congas

RELEVANT PERFORMANCES

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, February 25, 2007 - Toronto
New Year's Eve celebrations – Harbourfront, Ontario 2006 / 2007 - Toronto
Matip[osa Folk Festival – July 9, 2006 - Ontario
Ondes Africaines, Congolese festival, Peace Square - August 13th, 2005 - Toronto
Kleinburg Arts Festival, July 2005 - Kleinburg
BATA Museum Anniversary Celebration, June 12th, 2005 - Toronto
SANTE Wine Festival, Harry Rosen, Yorkville, May 14th 2005 - Toronto
CBC Christmas Concert at Glen Gould Studio, December 3rd. 2004- Toronto
Toronto Music Camp Concert, November 9th 2004 – Toronto
Potatoes Blue's, Latin Jazz recital, October 16th 2004 - Toronto
Oakville Jazz Festival, August 7th., 2004 - Oakville
Downtown Oakville Midnight Madnes Festival, July 16th, 2004 - Oakville
Global Café World Music Fest, Distillery District, July 7th, 2004 - Toronto
Stan Rogers Folk Festival, June 30th - July 4th, 2004 Halifax - Nova Scotia
Guelph Multicultural Festival, June 19th, 2004 - Guelph
Niagara Symphony Workshops Tour, June 1st- 4th - Niagara
Milk International Children Festival, May 25th, Harbourfront - Toronto
CD RELEASE CONCERT “Encuentros”, The Red Violin, May 22, 2004 - Toronto
Bell Arte Choir “Spirit Matters” Concert with CASSAVA, May 10, 2004 - Toronto
Roy Thompson Hall, Council of Foundations Concert, April 26, 2004 - Toronto
Casa Brela, 1970 Dundas St. East, Mississauga, Saturdays, from January 2004
New Louisiana, 6405 Erin Mills Parkway, Mississauga, Fridays, from October 2003
The Red Violin, 45 Danforth Ave., Oct./03 – Feb. 2004 - Toronto
Voices of The Earth Concert with Bell Arte Choir”, October 18th, 2003 - Toronto
Labour Day Parade Celebrations, Sep 1st, 2003, City Hall - Toronto
Sounds of the City Festival, August 13, 2003 - Toronto
Tastes of the Danforth Festival, August 4, 2003 - Toronto
Summer in the Park Fest, July 29, 2003 - Toronto
Woodbridge Italian Festival, July 4, 2003 - Toronto
Worlds's Fare Immerssions, Harbourfront July 9-13, 2003 - Toronto
Toronto Street Festival, July 5, 2003 - Toronto
Sounds Of the Danforth Festival, June 14 & 15, 2003 - Toronto
Muhtady Drum Festival, Queen's Park, June 8, 2003 - Toronto
Nastional Ballet of Canada, Royal York Hotel Show, Feb, 28 2003 - Toronto
International Children's Milk Festival, Harbourfront, May 18, 2003 - Toronto
Misa Criolla Concert with Vocal Ensemble “North 44”, May 25, 2003 - Toronto
Worlds of Music Canada, Concert, U of T, March 6, 2003 - Toronto
African Month Celebrations Concert, U of T, Feb. 6, 2003 - Toronto
Maritimes Tour, Organized by the Atlantic Presenters:
Large audience Concerts, Jan 29-Feb 2nd – Nova Scotia & New Brunswick
Savoy Theatre - Glace Bay, Capitol Theatre – Moncton and Imperial Theatre -Saint John
New Year's Event Celebrations at LOUISIANA, Dec. 31st 2002 - Toronto
Concert for PUEBLITO Children's Org. at Lula Lounge, Nov. 2002 - Toronto

TV Show HISPANOS EN CANADA, TELETATINO, Ritz Hotel, Oct. 2002 - Toronto
Concert with Boban Markovich Gypsy Band, Opera House, Oct. 2002 - Toronto
Bell Canadian Open, Golf Finals, Sep. 3, 2002 - Toronto
Tastes of the Danforth Street Festival, Aug. 10, 2001 - Toronto
Sounds of the Danforth Festival, June 16, 2001 - Toronto
Festival Africaine, City Hall, May 25, 2002 - Toronto
Down Town Fiesta, Saint Catharines, May 18, 2002 - Niagara
Concert at Ambassador Ball, Ramada Inn, May 17, 2002 - Niagara
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Relevant Performances Cont.

Concert at Caruso Centre, Apr. 12, 2002 - Sudbury
Cuban Fire, Jazz Concert at Harbourfront, Jan. 2002 - Toronto
New Year's Event Celebrations at CIADO, Dec. 31st 2001 - Toronto
CONTACT SHOWCASE, Toronto Centre for the Arts, Nov. 2001 - Toronto
Tastes of the Danforth Festival, Aug. 2001 - Toronto
Sounds of the Danforth Festival, May & June 2001 - Toronto
CONTACT, Photo Festival, Harbourfront, May 2001 - Toronto
INTERVISUAL Web Design Event, Apr. 2001 - Toronto
Jewish Museum of Communications, Mar. 2001 - Toronto
Roy Thompson Hall, International Marketing Awards, Mar. 2001 - Toronto
Huron Heights, Educational Performances, Feb. 2001 - Toronto
OISE Music Conference for Ontario Teachers, Jan. 2001 - Toronto
Premier Dance Theatre, Esmeralda Enriques Flamenco, Jan. 2001 - Toronto
Festival of Lights, New Year Samba Carnival, Dec. 2000 - Toronto
Bell Arte Singers, Choir Season Concert, Nov. 2000 - Toronto
Theatre Direct, Fundraising Concert, CN Tower, Nov. 2000 - Toronto
Durham District Board of Education, Annual Concert, Oct. 2000 - Toronto
The Government, International Genetics Conference, Sep. 2000 - Toronto
With Esmeralda Enrique Flamenco Dance Co. Buffalo, Sep. 2000 - U.S.A.
Ritmo Latino, Concert Series, Harbourfront, Aug. 2000 - Toronto
Tastes of The Danforth Greek Fest, August 2000 - Toronto
Canada Day Celebrations, Monarch Park, July 2000 - Toronto
Special Concert, Rogers Cable TV, Channel 10, June 2000 - Ontario
Sounds of The Danforth International Festival 2000 - Toronto
Tennis Canada International Tournament 1999 - Toronto
Global Roots Dance & Music Festival 1999 - Toronto
Tastes of The Danforth Greek Fest 1999 - Toronto
Kempfenfest International Festival, Barrie 1999 - Ontario
Canada Day Celebrations, Street Festival 1999 - Toronto
Rhythms of the World, Workshops, Harbourfront 1999 - Toronto
Seoul & Tegu Cities, various performances 1999 - S. Korea
Ritmo y Color Latin Fest, Harbourfront 1999 - Toronto
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Seoul & Tegu Cities, various performances 1998 - S. Korea
Black History Month Celebration 1998 - Toronto
Northern Lights Folk Festival 1998 - Sudbury
Jazz Festival - Kitchener 1998 - Waterloo
CBC Radio & TV 1998 - 1997 - Canada
Cultures Canada, Summer Festival 1997 - Ottawa