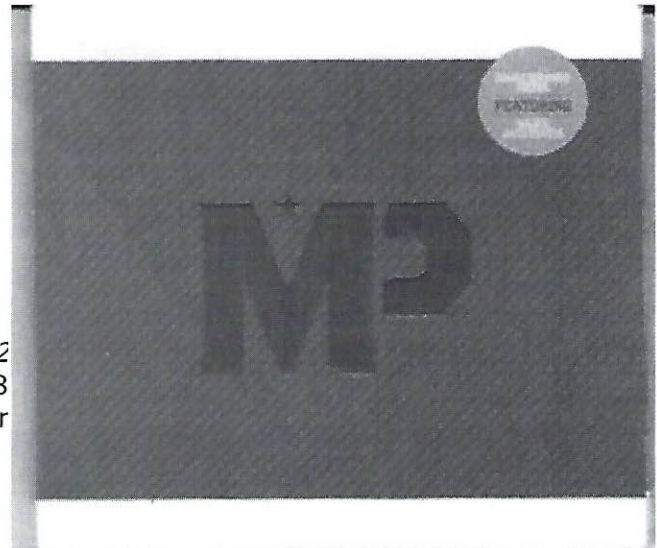


Citizen of the World - Vol 2

The Moreira Project - Moreira Chonguica

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Review

The sophomore album by Moreira Chonguica continues where he left off on his self-imposed journey of learning about his African jazz and music roots. He certainly has paid his dues because the journey has thus far proved successful since the release of The Moreira Project Vol 1 - The Journey in 2005.

This is an outstanding and adroitly balanced jazz album from Africa. It is most defiantly not a world music album, as most American reviewers would classify it, yes they seem to guard the word/genre very jealously. Just because it is from Africa does not automatically mean that it is a world music album, as so many reviews have wanted to do. The roots of Africa are deeply embedded which is to be expected. The collaborations on the album highlight this with Moreira's continuing journey into musical expression, exploration and discovery.

Moreira has matured into one of the top African exponents of jazz from Africa, African jazz or do we create a new genre style and classify it Afro World Jazz! Yeah! Lets do it, if other reviewers in the Americas and Europe can invent new genres at will here is the new one Afro World Jazz. Jazz comes from Africa originally via the USA and Europe it is time for Africa to claim it back its musical heritage. Citizen of the World - Vol 2 goes a long way to substantiate that claim. Moreira does not disappoint, he has taken his journey along with his collaborators to the world and proves that he is a leader and an innovator in the ever expanding and growing world of jazz music.

MySpace Website: <http://www.myspace.com/themoreiraproject>
Record Company Website: <http://www.moreiramusic.com/>
South African Distribution Website: <http://www.moreiramusic.com/contact.html>
World Wide Distribution: <http://www.moreiramusic.com/contact.html>
Wikipedia Entry: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moreira_Chonguica

Track Listings

Boarding Time; Umjita; West South Side; Beautiful Minds; The Art Of Love; Synergy; Eyes Don't Lie; The Praise Poem; Blue Puzzle; Otupam; Relaxante; Now; The Geisha; Sambabenta; Retrospect; Utopia; Ashanti; A Ultima Vez