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William Cepeda's original concept, Afro-Rican Jazz, celebrates Puerto Rican music and its African roots by infusing traditional forms like bomba, plena, Jibaro, and danza with contemporary jazz. Drawing on his rich heritage and his experiences performing with jazz legends, Cepeda crafts a unique sound that combines complex harmonies, polyrhythmic grooves, and a global palette of musical idioms. His innovative approach not only honors his ancestors' traditions but also pushes Puerto Rican music into the realm of New World music, making it distinct from other Latin jazz fusions. The band has gained international acclaim, performing at major festivals across the U.S., Europe, and Latin America.

