

## THE VOICE OF THE VOICELESS: A musical portrait of Mercedes Sosa

### PAULA BAREMBUEM & CHRISTIAN BAKANIC'S TRIO INFERNAL

Paula Barembuem, voice

Christian Bakanic, accordion

Christian Wendt, double bass

Jörg Haberl, drums & backing vocals

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In Christian Bakanic and his fiery Trio Infernal, Paula Barembuem has found the perfect allies to bring this music and its timeless lyrics back to life. Together they draw musical pictures of Argentina that wander virtuously and unconventionally between the sound worlds of jazz, funk & drum'n'bass.

"My bright voice doesn't bear comparison to Sosa's all-encompassing dark vocal sound, but strong contrasts do evoke similarities, especially when inspired by the same spirit. Her songs sound different through our interpretations than her already immortal versions, but in my opinion, Sosa could have found particular joy in just that. As free as possible from stylistic restrictions, we want to use this music to create a flexible arc between Latin America and Europe, reflecting our contemporary cultural diversity and expressing hope for a future in which differences become enrichment." (Paula Barembuem)

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