



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE HAVANA MEETS KINGSTON PROJECT RETURNS WITH NEW SINGLE "BEAT CON FLOW" FEATURING CUBAN STAR CIMAFUNK**

The *Havana Meets Kingston* project brings together top musicians from Cuba and Jamaica.

*Mista Savona Presents Havana Meets Kingston Part 2*, the follow up to the acclaimed 2017 debut album, will be released by Cumbancha in 2021.

The new single and video for "Beat Con Flow" featuring **Cimagunk** will be released worldwide on November 6.

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"Nothing Short of Explosive" – *The Times (UK)* / "It. Was. Amazing." – *BBC on HMK's 2018 Royal Albert Hall performance*

#### PREVIEW THE "BEAT CON FLOW" MUSIC VIDEO

On November 6, **Cumbancha** will release the single "**Beat Con Flow**" featuring **Cimagunk**, one of the hottest young talents to emerge from Cuba in recent years. "Beat Con Flow" is from the upcoming album *Mista Savona Presents Havana Meets Kingston Part 2*, which will be released in 2021 by Baco Records in Europe, ABC Music in Australia and New Zealand and Cumbancha in the US, Canada, Latin America and the rest of the world.

While connected by common African roots and colonial histories, the music of Cuba and Jamaica have traveled largely in separate lanes. Their influence on the music of the world has been immeasurable, but their influence on each other has been less evident.

It took an Australian to bring these two rich musical cultures together. Melbourne-based producer and musician **Jake Savona** had already fallen in love with the music of Jamaica, having released a string of successful reggae and dub albums under his stage name **Mista Savona**. Eventually, Savona discovered Cuban music, and in 2015, he received a grant from the Australian Council that funded the ambitious and groundbreaking *Havana Meets Kingston* project. Savona traveled to Havana with a group of top Jamaican musicians, including the legendary **Sly & Robbie** (drummer Sly Dunbar and bassist Robbie Shakespeare), and they began recording in the iconic EGREM Studio where Buena Vista Social Club and countless other legendary records have been produced. More sessions followed, other guests were invited, and after years of painstaking effort, the first volume of *Mista Savona Presents Havana Meets Kingston* was released in 2017 to worldwide acclaim.

*Havana Meets Kingston Part 2* also features a lineup of incredible Jamaican and Cuban talent. including Jamaican stars **Clinton Fearon**, **Randy Valentine**, **Prince Alla** and **Micah Shemaiah**, Cuban talents **Barbarito Torres**, **Changuito**, **Brenda Navarrette**, **Solis**, **Beatriz Marquez**, and many more.

Savona first saw Cimagunk performing with the band Interactivo in 2015, years before he became a household name in Cuba. The music for "Beat Con Flow", which Savona describes as "an old-school, funky, hip-hop and reggae jam," was recorded at Egrem Studios by a top-notch band that included legendary Jamaican drummer **Sly Dunbar**, the late Jamaican guitarist **Winston "Bopee" Bowen** (known for his work with Dennis Brown), as well as Cuban virtuoso bassist **Gaston Joya** and trumpeter **Julito Padrón**. Savona plays piano and Hammond organ and **DJ Wasabi** is on the turntables.

Cimagunk later recorded his vocals at a small rundown Havana recording studio, bragging in Cuban slang about his talents as a singer and the infectious rhythm and vibe of the song. "I live at my own cool and easy tempo / And if is there are any problems / I solve them little by little / So go ahead, lose yourself to the beat / If being quiet is getting you down / Don't worry, dance and sing / And you will see how it lifts your soul." The song's uplifting message and positive vibe is the perfect antidote for these challenging times.

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