



Singer-songwriter **CISSA PAZ** has made a name for herself in the Washington DC scene as an eclectic performer influenced by the local jazz sounds and her Brazilian African-Indigenous background. Nominated for 3 Wammies, her debut album gained great organic momentum. Cissa's **captivating stage presence** and soulful voice bring music that is upbeat and engaging.

She's known and loved among the lovers and dancers of Brazilian music not only as a performer, but as an ambassador of her genre. Her upcoming album will offer an Afro-Brazilian base with funky and soulful elements. A musical melting pot of fresh collaborations with highly acclaimed artists from her home country.

Born in Belgium by chance, Cissa was raised mostly in Rio de Janeiro. She began her musical love affair by spending afternoons with the sounds of Caetano Veloso, Gilberto Gil, Elis Regina and other

Brazilian greats coming from her parents' record player. Her musical tastes matured as she kept sampling the musical diversity of the world. Her dance background is reflected on her music and is why most of her songs have a rhythmic sound that gets people on their feet.

A GYPSY EXPERIENCE

Cissa has done a great deal of travel and feels like a gypsy of sorts. Although her Brazilian roots are very strong, she has also been heavily influenced by American culture. Her sound is based on Brazil's most folky rhythms mixed with jazz and soul elements, a result of the many years living in the U.S. The new album will consist of mostly original music composed by Cissa and her talented collaborators.

"Cissa Paz is an outstandingly enterprising artist, at a time when many musicians – especially singers – are content to stick with the familiar. Her eponymously entitled disc is good news for all lovers of Brazilian vocal music everywhere. Her approach to vocal music is freshly imagined with instances of polished stability in joyous musical seas that might even get somewhat turbulent at times. Her music – both original and re-imagined pieces by other composers is entirely treasurable."

- Raul da Gama (World Music Report)

"From Rio de Janeiro to the heart of Adams Morgan, Washington DC, vocalist Cissa Paz has been spreading the musical sounds of her own special blend of Brazilian fusion"

- Ferman Patterson (Washington Full Circle), DCN Network