JOHN SANTOS

Seven-time Grammy nominee, SFJAZZ Resident Artistic Director (2013 & 2014), 2012 San Francisco Latino Heritage Arts Awardee, and US Artist Fontanals Fellow, John Santos and his stellar Sextet are one of the premier Afro-Latin Jazz musical groups in the United States. They are some of the most creative musicians, composers and arrangers in the field, illuminating the aesthetic characteristics of Latin Jazz pertaining to instrumentation, rhythm, interpretation and improvisation through live performance and recording. Organized in 2003, their repertoire consists of original compositions and exciting original arrangements of classic rhythms, styles and songs from Latin America and the US. Their various recordings are a musical banquet celebrating the Afro-Latino roots of jazz through imaginative writing and playing in collaboration with dozens of the greatest players in the field from various countries.