



ESTABLISHED IN 2008 IN BERLIN BY DJ AND PRODUCER DJ GARRINCHA (SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL) AND JOINED BY CULTURAL SCHOLAR AND DJ DR. SÓCRATES (VIGO, SPAIN), THE INDEPENDENT RECORD LABEL, AND EVENT, TROPICAL DIASPORA® RECORDS HAS AS ITS MAIN FOCUS THE PRODUCTION OF VINYL RECORDS OF THE AFRO AND NATIVE CULTURAL DIASPORAS.

THE LOGO OF THE COMPANY PERFECTLY EXPRESSES THIS GOAL. IT REPRESENTS A WOMAN IN THE SHAPE OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WHOSE HAIR SYMBOLIZES THE SEA CURRENTS THAT BROUGHT AFRICAN POPULATIONS FROM AFRICA INTO THE AMERICAS AND STILL GUIDE TODAY THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS ASHORE. THESE STORIES OF DIASPORAS FORCED BY ENSLAVEMENT OR FOR ECONOMIC REASONS, FLEEING WARS AND POVERTY, ARE THE STORIES THAT WE AT TROPICAL DIASPORA® RECORDS ARE INTERESTED IN. WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATE A MUSICAL NARRATIVE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO CROSSED THE ATLANTIC FROM AFRICA TO THE AMERICAS AND GAVE RISE TO CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS THAT REFLECT BOTH THE HORROR AND HOPE OF THAT EXPERIENCE.

AS WE CARRY OUT OUR MUSICAL RESEARCH, WE COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW TO ADDRESS THE CULTURAL LIFE OF COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPOSSESSED FOR MANY CENTURIES. WAYS OF LOOKING AND NARRATIVES NEED TO BE HANDED BACK, AS WE OBSERVE WITH SADNESS HOW MAINSTREAM RECORDING COMPANIES ARE STILL IN THE BUSINESS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF, EXPROPRIATING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF AFRICA AND THE AMERICAS.

OUR LANGUAGE IS MUSIC. WE FEEL OBLIGED TO EMPOWER THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH BY MEANS OF GIVING THEM THE CHANCE TO CONTROL THEIR OWN NARRATIVE. WE EMPHASIZE CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT SHOW THE MANNER HOW COMMUNITIES TAKE THEIR PAST AND PRESENT INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. AND WE ARE GLAD TO BE AN INSTRUMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

#### LIST OF RELEASES ON VINYL (SEPTEMBER 2021):

- TDR000 - BUGIGANGA TROPICAL VOL.1 – SUPER SPANISH COMBO & BANDA JARDES • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR001 - BUGIGANGA TROPICAL VOL.2 – DOCTOR NATIVO • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR002 - BUGIGANGA TROPICAL VOL.3 – FORRÓ DE CABEÇA • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR004 - 2 LA DAME BLANCHE • LP 12" 33 RPM
- TDR005 - TRANSILVANIANS • TWO FIREWORKS IN HI-FI • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR006 - LA GIRAVIDA – LA FANFARRIA DEL CAPITÁN • GATEFOLD LP • 12" 33 RPM
- TDR008 - EL V AND THE GARDENHOUSE • EL DOCTOR & TAMARITA • COLOR • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR010 - TROPICAL DIASPORA #1 – COMPILATION • TRANSPARENT • 12" 33 RPM
- TDR013 - RENATO GAMA – OLHOS NEGROS VIVO • COLOR • GATEFOLD LP 12" 33 RPM + NHOCUNÉ SOUL – OGUNHÊ • 7" 45 RPM
- TDR017 - RAPADURA – UNIVERSO DO CANTO FALADO • COLOR • GATEFOLD LP 12" 33 RPM + 7" + TAPE CASSETTE
- TDR021 - GEKAH – ORGULLO DE BARRIO • EP 10" 45 RPM
- TDR023 - RENATO GAMA – BERLIN • COLOR • GATEFOLD • LP 12" 33 RPM



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