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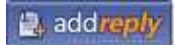
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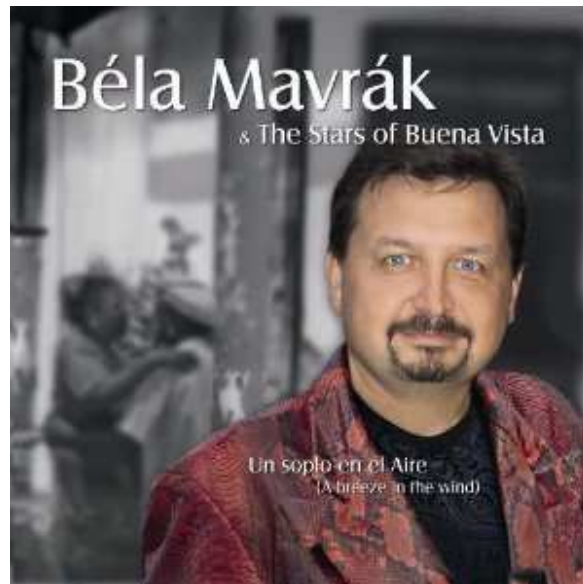
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**BELA MAVRAK & THE STARS OF BUENA VISTA
Un Soplo En El Aire (A breeze in the wind)**

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I was looking at the cover of this CD for ages, thinking I know that dude from somewhere. Finally, it hit me! It's the beardy bloke from Andre Rieu. And so it is. Mighty me, it's a small world. Austro-Hungarian opera singer Bela Mavrak has been touring for over 20 year now, but this CD is the result of a visit he made to

Cuba.

He says "That is where I discovered the origins of a cultivated music with a simplicity, modesty, warmth and radiance that can capture the hearts of so many people of all generations all over the world." And there is a warmth to the material on this record, which as the name suggests, has been recorded with the aid of members of the Buena Vista Social Club.

Although, it's an odd mix, with a lot of olde worlde songs, from Europe and the United States forming the core of the album. So if you want ot hear an opera singer, backed by Cuban musicians performing the likes of Al Jolson's 'Anniversary Song', 'Charade', 'Lili Marleen' and Charles Aznavours 'She', then this is the place to come.

So it's actually when things go a little Latin, as on 'Dos Gardenias' and the old chestnut, 'Besame Mucho' that things work best, although it's 'Torna a Surriento', which is the real showstopper. It's out as a double disc package, with the bonus DVD having video clips for 'Besame Mucho', 'Dos Gardenias', 'My Little Pretty' and a brief making of video.

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