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CHUCHO VALDES TRIO - "JAZZ BATA"

Chucho Valdes' fine release gives you the entire 1972 "Jazz Bata" album, which the great pianist recorded with bass and congas, as well as most of 1982's "Tem de Chaka." The latter has Valdes leading a five-piece rhythm section, with sax or flute on several tracks. The Cuban beats provide an alluring context for Valdes' imaginative excursions and immaculate technique.