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## Diego Pinera

### Despertando ACT 9854-2

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**It was the awakening (Despertando) of a tinge of longing which inspired Diego Pinera to record this album.** More than seventeen years after having left his native Uruguay, he re-visits his roots, the influences which first left their mark on him, and the legacy which made him the musician he is today.

**His choice of compositions is highly personal:** tunes by Gato Barbieri and Ernesto Lecuona are clear cultural references to Argentina and Cuba (Pinera also studied in Havana). His own composition "Osvaldo por Nueve" is a homage to his first teacher and mentor Osvaldo Fattoruso. It is also Pinera's modern take on the 'candombe' folklore tradition, popular in Uruguay. The track "Yakarito Terere" is personal too: a composition by his father, inspired by a memory from childhood, of regular excursions into the hinterland of Montevideo.

**Pinera's encounters with Latin American music, and with jazz in all its breadth, have led him to develop an unmistakable style which serves as the artistic filter for "Despertando":** through the combination of his advanced conception of rhythm, a jazz sound with a Latin touch, and the freedom of improvisation, this album becomes a portrait of the artist in full, and one in which his strong character comes across vividly.

**Pinera's fellow musicians also inhabit this field of creative tension.** Each of them has a very different musical background, and together they combine to make a concept of jazz which is stylistically open, deeply marked by their origins, and coloured by Latin American music.

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Omar Rodriguez Calvo  
Daniel Manrique-Smith  
Julian Wasserfuhr



**This unusual chemistry between the musicians -** and also their extraordinary talent – keep the music fresh and airy; there is musical complexity and virtuosity in abundance, but it is imbued with great subtlety.

**"Despertando" avoids all temptation to wallow in nostalgia.** What Pinera has achieved is to re-invent the place he dreams about, to awaken Latin jazz in a way which is deep-rootedly his own, and is able to stand on its own terms. Far removed from folklore, cliché and superficiality, this is not a reversion to the past, but to the present.

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- 01 **Oswaldo por Nueve** (Diego Pinera) 4:09
- 02 **Caravan** (Duke Ellington & Juan Tizol) 3:32
- 03 **Despertando** (Diego Pinera & Tino Derado) 4:32
- 04 **Yakarito Terere** (Ramon Pinera, arr. by Diego Pinera) 5:05
- 05 **St. Thomas** (Sonny Rollins) 3:53
- 06 **Last Tango In Paris** (Gato Barbieri) 3:12
- 07 **La Comparsa** (Ernesto Lecuona) 3:37
- 08 **Vulnerability** (Diego Pinera) 4:41
- 09 **A Puerto Padre** (Emiliano Salvador) 4:02
- 10 **Duerme Negrito** (Latin American folkloric lullaby, arr. by Diego Pinera) 4:48
- 11 **Once Pasos** (Diego Pinera & Tino Derado) 3:21

#### Produced by Sigggi Loch

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at Hansa Studios Berlin, April 24 & 25, 2017.  
Assistant: Nanni Johansson  
Mixed and mastered by Klaus Scheuermann

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**Diego Pinera** / drums, percussion & steel drum  
**Tino Derado** / piano & accordion  
**Omar Rodriguez Calvo** / bass  
**Daniel Manrique-Smith** / flutes  
**Julian Wasserfuhr** / trumpet & flugelhorn

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