

Bio...

Sofrito Latin Jazz Quintet was formed in 2009 by flutist Tim Forster and Latin percussionist Tony Padilla. They are now joined by Scott Bradley on keyboard and trumpet, Peter Chwazik on bass, and Phil Lake on drums. This versatile, high energy group performs a unique blend of music including Latin jazz fusion, Afro Cuban, and Brazilian. Sofrito has performed at clubs, festivals, and private events throughout Western NY. Their current performances have been largely dedicated to the unique and extraordinary music of late great Latin flutist, Dave Valentin.

Tim Forster (flute) has performed in the Rochester area as a singer and flutist for the past 40 years. Besides Sofrito he performed, managed and recorded with his daughter jazz vocalist Madeline Forster's quintet for 8 years, sang in *The Bouties* a cappella group for 17 years, and is a freelance jazz & Latin flutist for many other projects. He has co-produced 3 albums, and performed as a guest artist on several others. He also is currently a member of another Latin project, the Daniel King Band. Additionally, Tim has been the Music Director for *Fairport Canal Days* since 2012, and is on the Music Committee for Perinton's *Center Stage* summer concert series.

Anyone who knows Tony Padilla (Latin percussion) truly appreciates his love for music & performing. He currently is a national touring artist with The Mambo Kings, performing with Symphonies throughout the US. He has shared the stage with artists such as Steve Gadd, Arturo Sandoval, Paquito D'Rivera, Lou Gramm, Randy Brecker, Sister Sledge, Bob Sneider, and many more. Tony also has performed percussion workshops for students at the Eastman School Of Music, The NYS Music Teachers Association, and various Colleges, High School and Elementary schools. As the proprietor of Primetime Entertainment Tony is active as a performer, studio session artist & educator.



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