



Jane Bunnett

#### Extended Bio (500 words)

Multiple Juno Award winner, Jane Bunnett has turned her bands and recordings into showcases for the finest musical talent from Canada, the U.S and Cuba. She has been up for Grammy Awards, numerous Juno's, received The Order of Canada, The Queens Diamond Jubilee and most recently The Premiers Award for Excellence. An internationally acclaimed musician, Jane Bunnett is known for her creative integrity, improvisational daring and courageous artistry. Her exploration of Afro-Cuban melodies expresses the universality of music and her ability to embrace and showcase the rhythms and culture of Cuba has been groundbreaking. She has toured the world bringing her own special sound to numerous JAZZ festivals, displaying her versatility as a flutist, saxophone player and pianist.

Jane's debut recording hit the JAZZ world in 1987 with the Stunning Juno nominated "In Dew Time" featuring American JAZZ legends Dewey Redman, Don Pullen and Canadian icon Claude Ranger.

During and in-between her Cuban explorations Jane released recordings and toured with a powerful group of JAZZ innovators. "New York Duets" and "Live at Sweet Basil" with Don Pullen and Billy Hart. "Water is Wide" with Pullen as well as Jeanne Lee, Sheila Jordan and Billy Hart. A duet with Paul Bley (Double Time) "Spirituals and

Dedications" with Dewey Redman, vocalist Dean Bowman and master pianist Stanley Cowell.

Two documentaries have been made about Bunnett's work. "Spirits of Havana "(2000) National Film Board (NFB) was presented at numerous film festivals internationally, television (CBC, PBS) as well as in Europe.

A more recent film "Embracing Voices" has been shown at film festivals and is awaiting commercial release. Jane's most recent recording and touring group "Maqueque" is turning heads internationally. The group consists of Jane with five dynamic young Cuban women instrumentalists and composers. Their 2nd release "Oddara" is coming out this fall.

As an educator, spokesperson and social activist, she remains unafraid to explore uncharted territory in her quest for excellence.