

Marco Castillo made Canada his home in 2006 and Brazil wept. Graduating with a B.A. in Music in Rio de Janeiro in 1994, he began touring South America with Brazil's hottest bands. Since moving to Canada, Marco has been giving back as much as he has been given. His musical influence can be seen everywhere among his peers. Marco Castillo is the Latin/World Music 'go to guy'. His intelligent treatment of the rich Brazilian styles on his Canadian debut CD, "Brazilian Season", ensured that it topped college radio charts for several weeks. His second CD "Trip to Brazil", a sumptuous samba compilation, won the 2012 W.C.M.A. World Recording of the Year Award.



"Zabelê" (*zah-bay-lay*), 2014 Marco's new release brings 10 original eclectic songs in a perfect and diverse mix of uplifting Latin-Jazz, World-Music.

Song list:

- 1 - Forró no Canadá (*foh-hoh no Kah-nah-dah*)** – Forró is one of the most popular Brazilian styles. This song talks about music that can melt the snow and warm up the frigid North American inhospitable winter temperatures.
- 2 - Zabelê (*zah-bay-lay*)** – A classic 'samba de roda' (*hoh-dah*) style where the 'cavaquinho' (*kah-vah-kee-niuh*), a small guitar with 4 strings and 'batucada' (*bah-tou-kah-dah*), an afro-brazilian rhythm, perfectly bring the spirit of the Brazilian way of life.
- 3 - Aboio Triste (*Ah-bow-yo Trees-teh*)** – A sad lament revealing the saga of the Brazilians in the Northeast who struggle without water.
- 4 - Quem é Baião (*ken eh Bah-ee-ohm*)** – Baião (folk music) is the basis of Forró, which is typically from the Northeast. The song talks about the origin of the name Baião, while honouring the icons Luiz Gonzaga and Humberto Teixeira.
- 5 - Samba Carioca (*Kah-ree-oh-kah*)** – People who are born in Rio de Janeiro are called 'Cariocas'. This song is a beautiful jazz samba about the unique people from Rio, where the bossa nova was created to conquer the world.
- 6 - City of Wonders** – An intro for Samba Funk & Futebol. The poetry and soft melody delicately intertwine and give the listener the feeling of unwinding by the beach front.
- 7 - Samba Funk & Futebol** – The Brazilian passion for soccer culminate with the "Goal" scream of victory. Special guest Bubba B. The MC.
- 8 - Flying Over** – An invitation to a relaxing Trip to Brazil and its lavish beaches. A 'Partido Alto' (*Part-ee-doh Al-toh*) style of instrumental jazz samba.
- 9 - Tão Zen (*Tohm Zen*)** – A jazzy instrumental samba, which will transport you to an exclusive state of mind.
- 10 - A Horinha do Baião (*Ah Oh-ree-neeah do Bah-ee-ohm*)** – The proof that we are the music, and that it constantly flows through our veins. A breathtaking mad science experiment.

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