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II Jazz in Valparaíso

Mike Gibbs & the Clasijazz Big Band at Valparaíso Foundation
2017, December 7th – 10th

¡We are so pleased to have supported Mike Gibbs' 80th Birthday tour! hosting him and the Clasijazz Big Band at our Residence for the **four days of hard work**, rehearsals and recordings previous to the concert in Teatro Apolo, Almería. This was a chance for both **Mojácar and Almería audiences** to enjoy the rich orchestral jazz arrangements of this master musician. A week not to forget!

Mike is an internationally respected composer, arranger and trombonist who has worked with so many music luminaries over the years that it's hard to pick them all out. Since the 1960's he has been widely recognised as **one of jazz's leading composer/arrangers** and his pulsating compositions blend the colours of Africa, Charles Ives, Messiaen and rock into a unique jazz style. The line-up for the Clasijazz Big Band for this tour in Spain reads like a **Who's Who of Spain jazz stars**.

Born in Zimbabwe, Mike Gibbs has spent most of his career based in the UK, the USA, and, since recently, in Spain. A prolific composer and arranger for the various Big Bands he created over the years. He has worked with, or led, an astounding range of musicians including the likes of Bill Frisell, NNDR Big Band, Pat Metheny, John Dankworth and Cleo Laine, Joni Mitchell, Peter Gabriel, Gary Burton, Whitney Houston and John Scofield and with some of the most important orchestras and big bands in the world.

Conductor, composition and arrangements: **Michael Gibbs**;

Alto sax: **Ramón Cardo** and **Antonio González**; tenor sax: **Pedro Cortejosa** and **Mike Fletcher**; baritone sax: **Sergio Albacete**; trumpet: **Jesús Martínez**, **David Martínez**, **David Pérez** and **Julián Sánchez**; trombone: **Víctor Colomer**, **Tomeu García**, **Pedro Ortuño**, and **Vicente Pérez**; drums: **Ramón Prats**; bass: **Pedro Campos**; guitar: **Carlos Medina**; piano: **Pablo Mazuecos**.

