



# Iberian Suite – Concha Buika with Iván 'Melon' Lewis & Continuum Quartet



An internationally renowned, multi-genre singer, prolific recording artist, and two-time Latin Grammy winner, Concha Buika is joined by brilliant pianist Iván “Melon” Lewis and his Continuum Quartet.

[Buika’s music], with its roots on four continents, draws on such a wide range of influences...that it sometimes seems as if she is from everywhere at once and nowhere in particular.

—*The New York Times*

## CONCHA BUIKA (SPAIN) WITH IVÁN “MELON” LEWIS & CONTINUUM QUARTET (CUBA)

Born in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, as the daughter of African parents and hailed as a star in contemporary world music, jazz, flamenco, and fusion, Buika possesses a unique blend of influences as well as a remarkable voice; raw and smoky, but with a tenderness that hits right at the heart, vibrantly deploying her rich, sensual and husky instrument.

In 2011, NPR listed her spellbinding sound among its 50 Great Voices, calling hers *the voice of freedom*. She has received multiple awards and nominations, such as Latin Grammys for Best Album and Best Production for *Niña de Fuego* and Best Traditional Tropical Album for *El Último Trago*, and she was nominated again in 2014 for Record of the Year for *La Noche Más Larga* and for Best Latin Jazz Album at the 2014 Grammy Awards.

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*WASHINGTON, D.C.*

Sun, March 08, 2015

### Venue

Concert Hall, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566

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### Admission

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**Performance timing:** Part one, 30 minutes; Intermission, 20 minutes; Part two, 90 minutes.

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