
Omara Portuondo Showcases Cuba's Talent in New Album

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Renowned Cuban singer Omara Portuondo released her latest album, "Omara Siempre," which showcases a collection of songs with fellow Cuban artists, in Havana Thursday.

The 87-year-old, best known for her work as a singer in the "Buena Vista Social Club," her powerful voice and her magnetic charisma is widely regarded as the grande dame of Cuban music.

Portuondo told Reuters, she hopes that the international recognition she receives for the album, which features local talents such as Aymee Nuviola, Isaac Delgado, and Alain Perez, would give other Cuban artists a chance to shine.

Portuondo, who won a Grammy Award for her album "Gracias," told Reuters her new collection of songs also has a strong sense of Cuba, and she was happy to add it to her catalog of work.

"This doesn't mean that this is the last thing I do, but I feel very satisfied that people accept my way of saying things, of singing, and all that is a great satisfaction because I represent the culture of my country. And so I am Cuban, and I will die being Cuban," she said.

Nearing 90 and still working, Portuondo shows no signs of slowing down with international showcase performances in support of her album scheduled.

"It's a gift from the very large legacy Omara leave us every day. It's something that exists. It's true. Omara is peerless, her feelings, her way of speaking, interpreting."