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Bass Legend

Producer

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With his unique sound and vocal gift he is continuously representing his **African origins while staying relevant to the new sound of global music**. The legendary bass player, performer and producer, Richard Bona, has embarked on a new musical journey **fusing the infectious rhythms of Afrobeat with the melodies of the Caribbean and Latin music**. This fusion has created a unique and exhilarating sound that is captivating people worldwide. His purpose, and the way he connects with his fans has turned him into a staple name in **world, jazz and Afropop** music.

#### **BOOKING FORMATS\*:**

(backline provided by promoter; FOH engineer TBD;)

**Solo, trio, full band (quintet), Big Band and Orchestra Options.**

Please ask us about Richard Bona Foundation Masterclasses.

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Bona's unique sound is a staple in world and Afro-centric music. A Grammy-winning artist, producer and a bass legend, he continues releasing new music and touring around the world constantly. His purpose, and the way he connects with his audience has turned him into one of the most favourite names in world, jazz and Afropop music.



**TOURED, COMPOSED RECORDED  
AND CREATED MUSICAL FORMS  
OF ART WITH:**

Herbie Hancock, Harry Belafonte, Steps Ahead, Quincy Jones, Chick Corea, Buena Vista Social Club, Cesária Évora, Sting, Mike Stern, Pat Metheny, Stevie Wonder, Angélique Kidjo, Bobby McFerrin, Chucho Valdés, George Benson, Oumou Sangaré and many more.

A **TED** speaker and ambassador for various non-profit projects he mentors young talents throughout the world. With his Richard Bona Foundation he often holds Masterclasses in world-renowned universities.

**MARKBASS**

Richard has a signature series bass amps and guitars in collaboration with Italian-based amp company MARKBASS - one of the most creative and best-selling tailor-made manufacturers in the world.

[PHOTOS FOR MEDIA](#)



## NINJA SOLO

- ACOUSTIC EXPERIENCE -
- BASS & GUITAR &
- VOCAL + LOOPER

PLAY



## TRIO

- BASS & VOCAL + LOOPER &
- GUITAR + DRUMS OR
- GRAND PIANO/KEYS + DRUMS

PLAY



## FULL (BAND) EXPERIENCE

- BASS & VOCAL + LOOPER &
- PIANO
- DRUMS
- HORN (TRUMPET / SAX)
- GUITAR

PLAY



## BIG BAND

- BASS & VOCAL
- LOOPER
- ORIGINAL MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS
- REHEARSALS INCLUDED

PLAY



## ORCHESTRA

- BASS & VOCAL
- LOOPER
- ORIGINAL MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS
- REHEARSALS INCLUDED

PLAY



## MASTER&CLASS

- MASTERCLASS PROGRAM AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST - FOR MUSIC STUDENTS 14-20 YEARS-OLD
- WORLD MUSIC IMPROVISATION & MUSIC BUSINESS

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**CURRENTLY WORKING ON NEW AFROBEATS, AFROPOP, LATIN AND FLAMENCO PROJECTS THROUGHOUT EUROPE, THE US AND LATIN AMERICA**

Constantly touring around the world and exploring new musical directions, Richard continues to redefine his sound, while still performing live.

🔗 **ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

🔗 **ON TOUR**

🔗 **FULL BIO** 

🔗 **MUSIC**

## RECOGNITIONS:

- Golden Melody Award for Best Instrumental Recording Album – Sedar (China – 2017)
- The Bonafied album certified Gold (Poland – 2013)
- The SACEM Jazz Grand Prize (Grand Prix Jazz SACEM) (2012)
- Honoree of the Antonio Carlos Jobim Award, Montreal International Jazz Festival (2010)
- Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary World Music Album – Tiki (2006)
- Grammy nomination for Best Pop Instrumental Performance – As It Is (2002)
- Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Jazz Album – Speaking Of Now (2002)

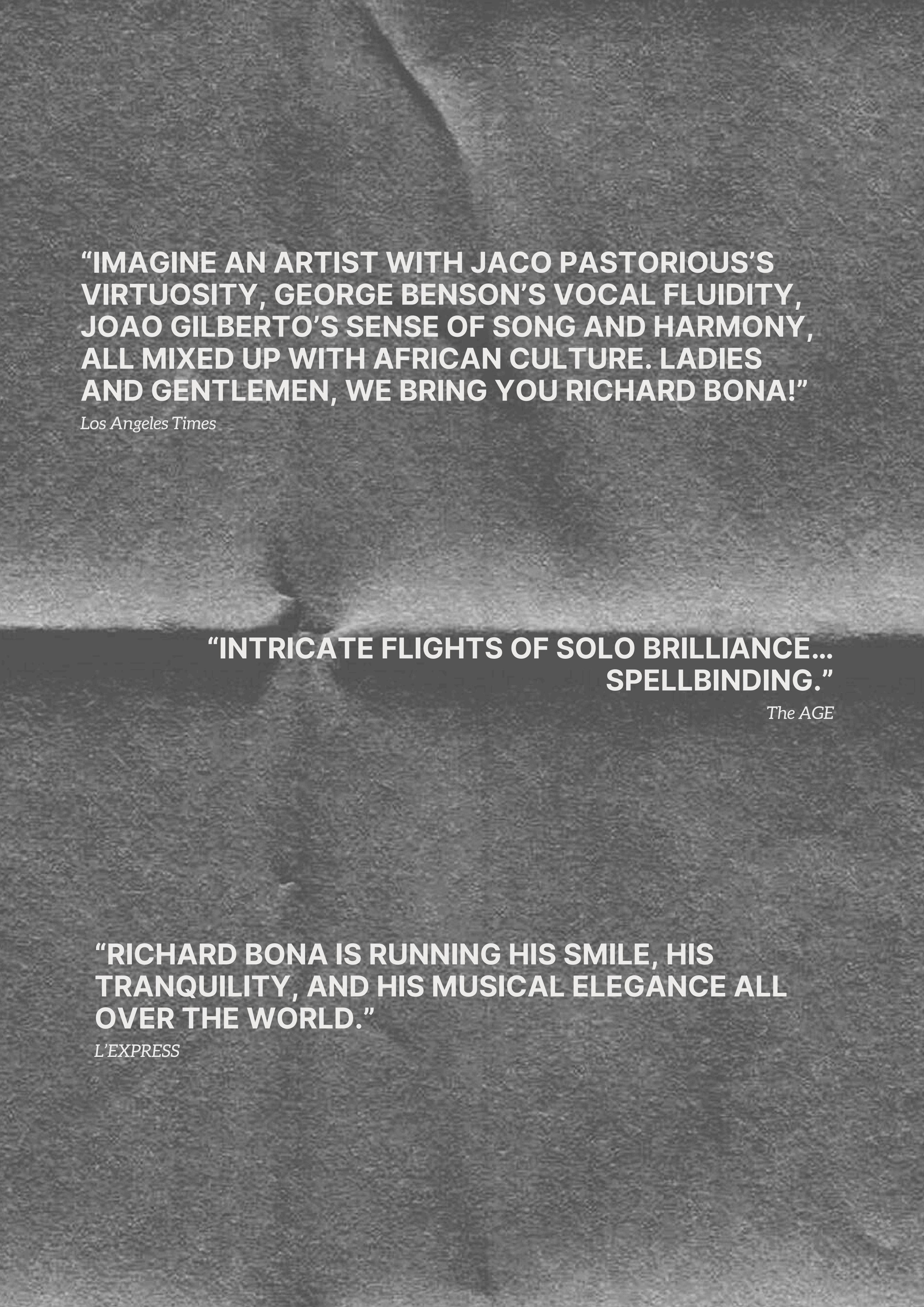


## ***Suninga (Live)***

Richard Bona,  
Metropole Orkest,  
Vince Mendoza

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**"IMAGINE AN ARTIST WITH JACO PASTORIOUS'S VIRTUOSITY, GEORGE BENSON'S VOCAL FLUIDITY, JOAO GILBERTO'S SENSE OF SONG AND HARMONY, ALL MIXED UP WITH AFRICAN CULTURE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE BRING YOU RICHARD BONA!"**

*Los Angeles Times*

**"INTRICATE FLIGHTS OF SOLO BRILLIANCE... SPELLBINDING."**

*The AGE*

**"RICHARD BONA IS RUNNING HIS SMILE, HIS TRANQUILITY, AND HIS MUSICAL ELEGANCE ALL OVER THE WORLD."**

*L'EXPRESS*