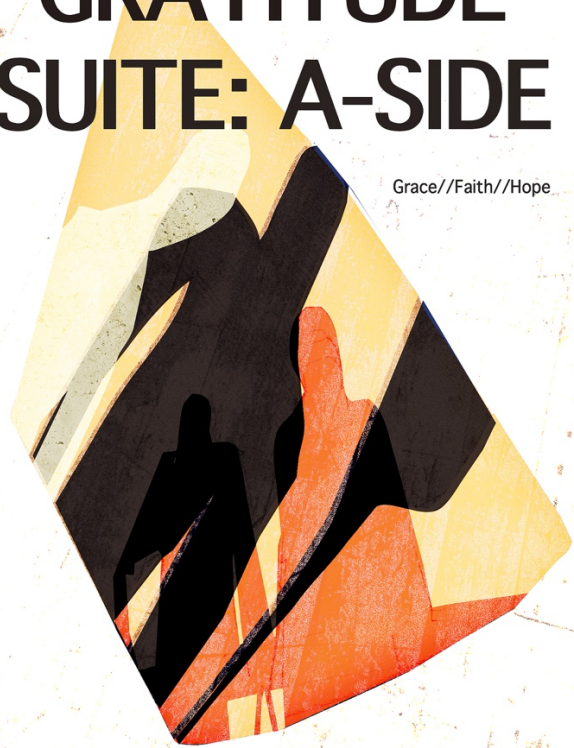


HÉCTOR L. FALU GUZMÁN PRESENTS

GRATITUDE SUITE: A-SIDE

Grace//Faith//Hope



**1W (OLIVER COLVIN HALL)
MARCH 7TH 4 PM THURSDAY**

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Alto Sax
Trumpet
Tenor Sax
Tres Cubano
Piano
Bass

2024

Program

- I. Praise Him.....
- II. Worth.....
- III. Understanding Each Other.....
- IV. Blessed Are The Gentle.....
- V. A Love That Waits.....
- VI. Gather Together.....
- VII. Intentions.....

//For those of you who want to know more about the idea of the Suite, here's are couple of ideas and questions I've asked myself while tackling this topic//

About the Suite...

//Inspired by the blessings from God Most High and the privileges of doing what I do, I present to you... the Gratitude Suite: A-Side, the first half of a project in development for years.

//The music is an experiment in blending some of my favorite sonorities: Post-Bop, Straight-Ahead Jazz, Modern Jazz (Á la Keith Jarrett, Ambrose Akinmusire and Kendrick Scott), Instrumental Gospel & Afro-Puerto Rican rhythms found all over the island.

Why Gratitude?

//The Suite is comprised of two parts or "sides". A-Side talks about the need to acknowledge the things that live beyond us, and to show love and compassion to those around us.

//The people who stay by our side, even when we hurt them beyond forgiveness, the joy found in our communities, and the internal conflicts in our own mind; A-Side acknowledges the beautiful lessons found in the "ordinary". To think we are gifted time on this Earth to learn and grow, with many chances to try again. Gratitude can be found in the lessons we're given by life.

And what about suffering?

//The pain we live with, the trauma we endure as we walk in our life may never leave us. And although there is gratitude in the good, how can gratitude exist in the evil? No answer is good enough, but to recognize that there will be times where we have to recognize the limits of humankind. There is no good found in corruption, there is no good found in war, there is no good found in conquest of any kind. But there is good in those who reject violence, there is good in those who refuse to accept the existing corrupt status quo, and there is good in those who reject conquest even when they stand to benefit from it. There is good in loving others with all your heart, soul, and strength, as you love The One who made you.

//To recognize evil can be as informative and eye-opening as it can be exhausting for the mind and spirit... to acknowledge the good is to strive for solutions with love and wisdom... it is to push past the shadows, and into the light.

//A-Side: Gratitude in Lessons

THANK YOU FOR COMING

- ❖ I hope this music can inspire you, give you peace, ease your pains, and make you curious.
- ❖ There is a lot more for me to say about each tune, and how each tune inspired to look deeper into myself.
- ❖ There are 13 or so more songs in this Suite; but for now, I hope these first 7 can bring you joy.
- ❖ Band's Instagram Handles (Show some love!):

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