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**Guest Artists Carlinhos Brown, Natalie Cole, Herb Alpert, Lani Hall, Fergie,  
Juanes, Ledisi, and More Join the Legendary Brazilian Musician on His First  
Release in Two Years**

On June 10th, 2008, Concord Records and Starbucks Entertainment will release *Encanto* (*Enchantment*), the newest record from the legendary Brazilian musician Sergio Mendes. *Encanto* is the follow-up to 2006's highly acclaimed collaboration with will.i.am called *Timeless*. On *Encanto*, Sergio takes us even deeper into Brazil recording all the basic tracks in Rio and Bahia, finishing up in Los Angeles. Mendes enlists several guest musicians from all over the world including Latin superstar Juanes from Colombia, multi-talented Carlinhos Brown and Vanessa da Mata from Brazil, the foremost Japanese pop group, Dreams Come True, Belgium's Zap Mama and Italian rapper Jovanotti, as well as American stars like Fergie, Ledisi, Natalie Cole, Herb Alpert and his wife, original Brasil '66 singer, Lani Hall.

*Encanto* is classic Sergio Mendes, highlighting the maestro's ear for enticing melodies and contagious rhythms. On the new album, Mendes recorded four seminal Antonio Carlos Jobim compositions: a hip-hop version of "Agua De Beber" with Toninho Horta on guitar, Mendes' wife and longtime vocalist Gracinha Leporace, and the man himself showcasing his instrumental chops on a bewitching Rhodes piano solo; "Waters of March," which features 2006 GRAMMY®-Award nominee Ledisi and is also reprised in French by Afro-European vocal ensemble Zap Mama; "Somewhere In The Hills," with vocals by none other than Natalie Cole; and "Dreamer," which marks the first time that former mentor Herb Alpert joined Sergio on record.

Perhaps the boldest cover on *Encanto* is a new version of Burt Bacharach's "The Look Of Love," which Mendes had originally transposed to bossa nova heaven in 1967. This new interpretation, produced by Black Eye Pea will.i.am, preserves the alluring melody of the original while bringing the song into the new millennium with crisp drum programming and a sexy rap by Fergie.

"We are delighted to team with Sergio and our partners at Concord Music Group once again to co-release Sergio's latest creation, *Encanto*," says Ken Lombard, president Starbucks Entertainment. "Sergio Mendes is one of the most internationally successful Brazilian artists of all time and he showed his enduring appeal with *Timeless* in 2006."

"It's extremely exciting for all of us at Concord to be associated with someone with such timeless appeal and legendary musical vision as Sergio Mendes," says John Burk, Executive VP of A&R at Concord Music Group.

“Every time I make a new record, it’s a new adventure,” says Mendes. “My main motivation is to record wonderful songs. In the process, I enjoy sharing with the world the diversity of Brazilian music-- both in terms of rhythm and melody.”

Mendes, who lived in Brazil during the historic era between the late ‘50s and the early ‘60s when the samba-based *bossa nova* was born, was one the first practitioners of the new genre. Mendes established his legend by taking several albums and singles, such as “Brasil 66,” “Mas Que Nada” and his most successful hit, “The Look of Love,” to the top of the pop charts throughout the mid 1960s to the late 1970s.

*Encanto* will be released at Starbucks company-operated locations in the U.S. and Canada as well as traditional music retail.

Track listing:

1. **The Look of Love – featuring Fergie**
2. **Funky Bahia – featuring will.i.am & Siedah Garrett**
3. **Waters of March – featuring Ledisi**
4. **Odo-Ya – featuring Carlinhos Brown**
5. **Somewhere in the Hills (O Morro Nao Tem Vez) – featuring Natalie Cole**
6. **Lugar Comum – featuring Jovanotti**
7. **Dreamer – featuring Lani Hall & Herb Alpert**
8. **Morning in Rio**
9. **Y Vamos Ya (...Let’s Go) – featuring Juanes**
10. **Catavento (Catavento e Girassol) – featuring Gracinha Leporace**
11. **Acode – featuring Vanessa da Mata**
12. **Agua de Beber – featuring will.i.am**

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