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FAU's Hoot/Wisdom Recordings Receives Second Latin Grammy Nomination with the Album "Pa' Qué Más"



Members of the production team pose with the Quinteto Leopoldo Federico and guest artist Saavedra pose after the final recording session, From left to right: Joel Iglesias-commercial music major, Matt Baltrucki-assistant professor and recording/mastering engineer on the album, Daniel Plazas-violin, Kike Harker-bass, Giovanni Parra-bandoneon and musical director, María Isabel Saavedra- guest artist, Alejandro Sánchez-Samper-associate professor, album producer/engineer, Kike Harker-guitar, Iván Beltrán- M.M. in Commercial music. Photo credit: Hoot/Wisdom Recordings

BOCA RATON, Fla. (September 29, 2017) – The album “Pá Qué Más,” which was recorded and produced at Florida Atlantic University’s Hoot/Wisdom Recordings under the direction of FAU associate professor Alejandro-Sánchez Samper, has received a GRAMMY nomination in the “Best Folk Album” category for the 18th annual Latin GRAMMY Awards®. The album was one of five nominated in the folk category, and the winning album will be announced at the Latin GRAMMY Awards event on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

“Pá Qué Más,” which was recorded at FAU and released on June 29 through Hoot/Wisdom Recordings, is the second album from the Quinteto Leopoldo Federico to receive a Latin GRAMMY nomination. Their debut album, “Bogotá – Buenos Aires” received a Latin GRAMMY nomination in 2015 in the “Best Tango Category.” Although the Quinteto Leopoldo Federico is best known as a tango ensemble, this new album “Pá Qué Más” is a tribute to Colombian Andean Music.

“I studied bandoneon [the accordion of tango] for five years in Buenos Aires and I love tango but I am also from Bogotá, Colombia and I had this crazy idea of envisioning Colombian Andean music, the music from our homeland using instruments of tango,” said Giovanni Parra, the director of the Quinteto Leopoldo Federico.

The album was produced by Sánchez-Samper and Parra, as well as engineered by Sánchez-Samper and FAU assistant professor Matt Baltrucki. Assistant engineers on the project are FAU instructor Rob Rimmington, FAU commercial music graduates Iván Beltrán, Carlos Patiño and Joel Iglesias, and FAU commercial music students Patrick Montanari and Chirs Moragne.

“Most people when they think of the music of Colombia, they immediately think of Shakira and Carlos Vives,” said Sanchez-Samper. “Colombia has a rich variety of musical styles and although much emphasis has been placed on the popular music of the coastal region of Colombia, in recent years there has been a significant revival and interest in the music of the Andes region of Colombia. I am thrilled that the voting members of the Latin Recording Academy have recognized this album through this nomination.”

Hoot/Wisdom Recordings is part of the Commercial Music Program in the Department of Music in FAU’s Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. It is a student-run record label where students are involved in all aspects of the label, including songwriting, production, engineering, recording services, video services, promotion and marketing, talent scouting, web site management, newsletter production, finance, legal issues, and accounting. Hoot/Wisdom was established in 2002 and has produced 28 albums to date.

Physical and digital copies of “Pa’ Qué Más” are available for purchase at www.hootwisdom.bandcamp.com or at the iTunes store and Amazon. . Album is available for streaming on Spotify, Apple Music and Amazon Music. For more information, contact Alejandro Sánchez-Samper at 561-706-4805 or asanch51@fau.edu.

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