

# Juan Pastor

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## Professional Summary:

Renowned percussionist and bandleader, Juan Pastor, is celebrated for his innovative fusion of Afro-Peruvian and Andean rhythms with North American jazz. As the creative force behind Chinchano, Pastor has released four acclaimed albums: "Chinchano," "Un Cambio," "El Regreso," and "Cachito," each reflecting his deep connection to his Peruvian roots and his exploratory jazz journey. His work bridges cultural and musical boundaries, creating a unique narrative that resonates with diverse audiences. Since 2021, Pastor has been a dedicated half-time faculty member at North Central College, imparting his extensive knowledge and experience in music to inspire and educate future generations. His commitment to music education is paralleled by his accomplishments as a performer and recording artist, making him a prominent figure in both the Chicago jazz scene and the wider musical community.

## Experience

Bandleader/Composer, Chinchano  
Chicago, IL — 2006-Present

- Founded and led Chinchano, blending Afro-Peruvian and Andean music with jazz.
- Released "Chinchano," "Un Cambio," "El Regreso," and "Cachito," receiving widespread acclaim.
- Performed at top venues and festivals, including the Chicago Jazz Festival and the Chicago World Music Festival.

## Educator

- Half-time Faculty, North Central College — 2021-Present
- Other teaching positions at Benedictine University, Northern Illinois University, and Merit School of Music.

## Collaborations

- Collaborated with notable artists like Paquito de Rivera, Miguel Zenón, Kurt Elling, and others.
- Featured on numerous jazz recordings as a sideman.
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## Education

- Bachelor of Music, Northern Illinois University
- Master in Music, DePaul University
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## Awards & Recognitions

- Tummy Award for ambassadorship of Peruvian music in the USA (Illinois)

## Skills

- Expertise in Afro-Peruvian and Andean music
- Proficient in percussion, especially cajón and drum set
- Bilingual in Spanish and English