



MARCELO D2 & SAMBADRIVE Direct-to-Disc

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DESCRIPTION

Brazilian rapper **Marcelo D2** presents this new direct-to-disc album via Night Dreamer. Recorded alongside electrifying live band **SambaDrive**, the album revisits some of Marcelo D2's most important tracks, mining 25 years of ground-breaking music from the Brazilian legend and capturing his now timeless "samba hip-hop" sound in full flow. A generational voice in Brazil who emerged in the mid-'90s as founder of hip-hop group **Planet Hemp**, Marcelo D2 has achieved the charmed status of both household name and musical innovator, collaborating with the likes of the late great **Sergio Mendes** and esteemed producer **will.i.am**. Since the release of his debut solo album *Eu Tiro É Onda* in 1998, he has developed an instantly recognizable sound that skips between classic Brazilian groove and contemporary rap, guided by the motto "looking for the perfect beat." Now, in 2024, Marcelo D2 is telling his story again in a new light. Inspired by the iconic jazz-samba trios of the '60s and '70s, SambaDrive emerged from the improvised and often spontaneous jams that would preface Marcelo D2's live shows. Touring the world and reunited with producer **Mario Caldato Jr.**, the group dropped in on Amsterdam's Artone Studio in October 2022 to record an album of ten tracks, drawn from four of Marcelo D2's most loved albums. The first of three tracks taken from *Nada Pode Me Parar*, "MD2 (A Sigma no TAG)" sets the tone for an album that bubbles with astute musicianship and virtuoso lyricism. Opening out into expansive jazz samba solos against which Marcelo D2's strident verses stand tall, "A Maldição do Samba" (which translates as "The Curse of Samba") shimmers with energy and intensity. Raising the pulse one notch more, "Desabafo" drops into a classic pianoed jazz samba groove, referencing the iconic sound of **Claudia**'s 1973 track "Deixa Eu Dizer," which is sampled on the original. Taken from 2008 album *A Arte Do Barulho*, "Desabafo" showcases the stunning breadth of Marcelo D2's sound, traversing eras, rhythms and styles with ease. A celebration of Marcelo D2's legacy, an exposition of a master at work and as consummate a recording of live samba rap as you're ever likely to hear, Marcelo D2 and SambaDrive looks back to light a way forward, each track shining like a blueprint of the genre-defying hits they would become.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. A Maldição Do Samba
- A2. Md2 (A Sigla No Tag)
- A3. A Procura Da Batida Perfeita
- A4. Samba De Primeira / Encontro Com Nogueira
- A5. Qual É?
- B1. Profissão Mc
- B2. 1967
- B3. Eu Tenho O Poder
- B4. Desabafo
- B5. Rio (Puro Suco)

HIGHLIGHTS

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