

**RENOWNED MUSICIAN STIX HOOPER, FOUNDER OF THE CRUSADERS TO  
RELEASE HIS LATEST ALBUM, "ORCHESTRALLY SPEAKING," APRIL 28TH, 2022.**

**Music Crosses The World...**

Internationally renowned musician Stix Hooper, best known as one of the founding members of the seminal group The Crusaders, (which garnered numerous platinum and gold albums during their amazing 30-year career) will release his latest album, Orchestrally Speaking, on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The highly anticipated record will be available on Amazon, Spotify, iTunes, and Hooper's website at [www.StixHooper.com](http://www.StixHooper.com), or wherever you purchase your music.

A multi-Grammy-nominated artist and acclaimed master percussionist, Hooper used all of his comprehensive talents as composer, arranger, songwriter, drummer, and conductor to bring Orchestrally Speaking to life. Always a musical innovator, his current music provides a new, fresh perspective on an already impressive body of work that continues to move the boundaries of music forward in an unexpected direction. The result is a record that reflects both the evolution and culmination of the full musical spectrum of Hooper's career.

In a departure from his typical style, Hooper takes a different approach with this latest recording, revisiting many of his own original compositions and expanding beyond his characteristic groove to explore the orchestral genre. "Having spent many years pursuing various aspects of music, an orchestral work is something I've always wanted to do," stated Hooper.

Hooper has gathered an international, all-star group of some of the world's finest musicians to join him for the album, featuring acclaimed American flautist Hubert Laws, Russian pianist Eugene Maslov, Swedish guitarist Andreas Oberg, Brazilian guitarist Oscar Castro-Neves, trumpet player Jamelle Adisa from New Orleans, reed-master Scott Mayo from New York, and Del Atkins, acoustic/electric bass player from Los Angeles.

A true musical collaboration, the creative artistry of each musician shines distinctly on each song. The record features seven tracks rich in lush arrangements and emotionally expressive melodies, bridging a variety of genres from jazz to classical and Latin rhythms.

"This new recording features musicians from all over the world, reflecting the universal appeal and global influence of music. Free of cultural, ethnic, and racial boundaries, it celebrates the artistic camaraderie and integrity that results when kindred artistic spirits share a common bond of personal expression and unite to excel in magnificent musicianship. It's a whole new expression of my own music. I'm very excited about it," explains Stix Hooper.

*"Images of Love"* sets the emotional tone of the record. Orchestrally Speaking is a symphonic, colorful expression of the different shades of love, harmony and romance we all experience. Maslov's exquisite piano playing is heard throughout the record, and the artistic mastery of Hubert Laws flute is evident on several tracks. Scott Mayo's graceful, velvety horn enhances the sophisticated *"Elegant Evening,"* while the guitar prowess of the late Oscar Castro-Neves sets the

pace and provides the Latin-flavors of “*Sombrero De Flamenco*.” Unifying it all is Hooper’s own performance and direction. His strong sense of composition and understanding of orchestral arrangement allows each musician’s talent to stand out.

With Orchestrally Speaking, Hooper has come full circle, once again pushing the musical envelope in unexpected ways. The result is a record that takes his listeners with him on a whole new musical journey.

For more information, or to purchase “Orchestrally Speaking,” please visit [www.stixhooper.com](http://www.stixhooper.com)

**TRACK LIST:**

1. IMAGES OF LOVE
2. YOU’RE MY SPRING
3. EL SOMBRERO FLAMENCO
4. ELEGANT EVENING
5. SWEET GENTLE LOVE
6. SAMBA DEL CIELO
7. I TOUCHED A DREAM