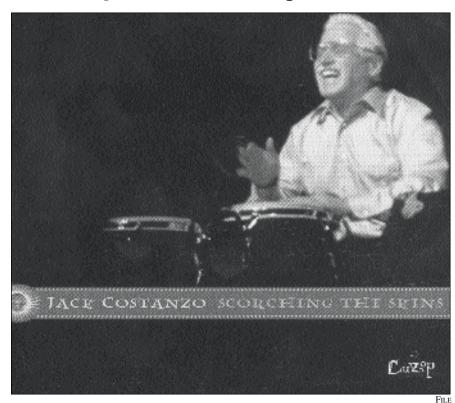
Jack Constanzo

"Scorching the Skins" (Cubop)



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ost of the time Latin jazz is a misnomer for Afro-Cuban jazz. Moreover, in most cases, jazz and Afro-Cuban music do not even meet half way. The so-called Latin jazz, most experts would say, is basically Afro-Cuban sounds overriding a few dashes of jazz lines with intrumentalists' soloing. "Scorching the Skins" is an eloquent example. The first track "Sing sing sing" romps uptempo, but the musical traffic gets fuller and loses control for moments though the frenetic rhythmic momentum provided by Constanzo's fast hands over the bongos. Another cut, "After hours" shows better results. It melts into the be bop field with the grandilo-

quence of New Orleans while the horns throw great punches. The additional tracks are more predictable and stick to safe formulas, riding in the avenues of son montuno and mambo.

After years of obscurity, percussionist Jack Constanzo came back out of retirement in 2000 with the album "Mr. Bongo." It was his first album in 25 years. Constanzo first break came in 1947 with Stan Kenton. Later, he recorded and played for Charlie Parker, Dizzy Guillespie, Miles Davis, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and so many others. He became known as the bongo-player to the Hollywood stars and appeared in several films.

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he 500-seat Lovinger Theatre, located in the Speech and Theatre Building, presents performances in theatre, dance, and music by Lehman College students, faculty, and guest artists. The Lovinger Theatre enhances its season by co-producing performance events with professionals from the community such as the Bronx Opera Company, Bronx Chamber Orchestra, Point Theatre, DreamYard, and Jazz Reach.

Arts In Education initiatives with School District 10 culminate in a Young Playwrights' Festival of one-act plays held in the Lovinger Theatre in June. Collaboration with The Lincoln Center

Institute connects the creative process with teacher training.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE FOR THE MONTH



AQUARIUS Jan. 20 -Feb. 18 Time to

move. You

need to get out and expand your circle of friends. Your numbers: 10, 27, 30



GEMINI May 21-June 20 You may find that you attract the

wrong individuals, and this will lead to trouble Your numbers: 5, 22, 49



Aug, 23 -Sept. 22 Try not to let

anyone mis-

lead you. Question anything that doesn't seem to be true. Your numbers: 12, 23, 44



PISCES Feb. 19 -March 20 Someone is trying to fool you. Take a

good look at your present relationship Your numbers: 2, 21, 28



June 21-July 22 Getting involved in a joint venture

CANCER

may very well lead to loss Be extremely careful Your numbers: **8, 20, 46**



SCORPIO Oct. 23 -Nov. 21 Talk to the ones you love and trust

about your dilemmas at Your numbers: 9, 11, 32



March 21-April 19 Keep an open mind today. Don't

misinterpret someone's interest in you. Your numbers: 4, 18, 45



LEO July 23 -Aug. 22 Don't count on getting a lot of help

from others today. Rely on your own know-how Your numbers: **16, 17, 37**



SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 -Dec. 21 Spend more time with loved ones.

You have been too busy with your own pursuits. Your numbers: 14, 28, 47



TAURUS April 20 -May 20 Don't be so generous with your

cash. You may be losing a friend. Your numbers: 3, 16, 39



Libra Sept. 23 -Oct. 22 New relationships will develop if

you get out and attend events Your numbers: 7, 19, 30



CAPRICORN Dec. 22 -Jan. 19 Be honest about what it is and isn't

doing for you. Confront problems head on. Your numbers: 2, 23, 41

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- 46. "You __ There"