



**Roberto Fonseca**

**Akokan**

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Roberto Fonseca was the exhilarating young pianist who captivated audiences while a member of The Buena Vista Social Club. His latest collection of originals features his knockout touring band and guest vocalists, but remains steeped in the razor-sharp rhythms and sultry emotions of Cuban musical tradition. The compositions are loosely inspired by Fonseca's major influences – mothers are a constant theme, Bulgaria and France get a mention – and the title is Yoruba for “Heart”. Highly recommended.