



**ANTONIO SÁNCHEZ**  
**Collaborates with Vince Mendoza & WDR Big Band**  
**on New Album, *Channels Of Energy*, Available Now**

**Double-Disc Set Features All Sánchez Original Compositions**  
**Arranged & Conducted by Mendoza,**  
**Performed by WDR Big Band & Sánchez on Drums**

Five-time GRAMMY® award winning drummer, composer, and bandleader **Antonio Sánchez** is proud to release ***Channels Of Energy***, a new album in collaboration renowned conductor/arranger **Vince Mendoza** and the iconic **WDR Big Band**, available now (**March 23, 2018**) via **CAM JAZZ**. The project comes just months after the release of ***Bad Hombre*** (September 2017), his critically acclaimed politically charged solo album that received a GRAMMY® nomination as well as Sánchez role in scoring the EPIX network series ***Get Shorty*** (August 2017 premiere).

Featuring two musically diverse discs recorded during a week-long session in Cologne (December 2016), ***Channels Of Energy*** puts a prime spotlight on eight original Antonio Sánchez compositions (spanning his six previous albums) within the context of large ensemble instrumentation backed by Sánchez on drums, with music conducted and arranged by Mendoza.

"I consider myself a musician who is always curious about all the different ways I can express myself through my instrument. I've always enjoyed playing in different settings with very diverse instrumentation but the one thing that I haven't been able to do as much as I would have liked to is playing in a Big Band," says Sánchez, composer of the Golden Globe and BAFTA-nominated score for Alejandro González Iñárritu's Academy Award-winning film, ***BiRDMAN or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)***. "When I was in my teens I heard the Buddy Rich Big Band live in Los Angeles while on vacation with my grandparents and it made a big impression on me. The huge sound coming from the stage was so impactful that it made want to know more about its nature. Thanks to CAM Jazz the opportunity arose to do an album of my music arranged by the great Vince Mendoza and interpreted by the iconic WDR Big Band. Having my compositions adapted to this powerful setting by one of the premier composers and arrangers of our time has been a huge honor. In my opinion Vince can make a big band sound like a symphonic orchestra and to hear and perform these gorgeous arrangements alongside one of the best big bands of today fulfilled one of my dreams as a musician and as a drummer. I hope you enjoy listening to this album as much as we enjoyed making it."

**About Antonio Sánchez**

Antonio Sánchez has recorded six albums as a leader, starting with his breakthrough album "Migration" in 2007 with special guests Pat Metheny and Chick Corea, 2017's ***Bad Hombre***, two with Migration, including 2013's ***New Life*** and 2015's ***The Meridian Suite***. Sánchez's trio turn, ***ThreeTimes Three*** (with John Scofield, Brad Mehldau, Joe Lovano, Christian McBride) was

released in 2014, as well as the award-winning *BiRDMAN* soundtrack that same year, each release further expressing Sánchez's compositional mastery of conventional forms. Sánchez recently scored ten episodes of the EPIX network series, *Get Shorty*.

When not recording or touring with renowned jazz guitarist/composer Pat Metheny, with whom the drummer shares a 17-year relationship, Sánchez maintains a demanding schedule with his own group, Migration as well as active touring for *BiRDMAN* LiVE.

### **Channels Of Energy - Track Listing**

#### **Disc 1**

1. Minotauro
2. Nooks And Crannies
3. Nighttime Story
4. The Real McDaddy

#### **Disc 2**

1. New Life
2. Grids And Patterns
3. Imaginary Lines
4. Channels Of Energy

*All compositions by Antonio Sánchez, arranged and conducted by Vince Mendoza.*

### **Upcoming Tour Dates**

**April 1:** BiRDMAN LiVE - Lucas Theatre / Savannah, GA

**April 13:** BiRDMAN LiVE - Empire Theater / San Antonio, TX

**April 16:** Jazz Masters Concert - Kennedy Center / Washington, DC

**May 10:** BiRDMAN LiVE - Kean University / New Jersey

**May 18:** Antonio Sánchez & Migration - Symphony Center Orchestra Hall / Chicago, IL

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