

- The 7" DJ / turntablist maestro from Japan, presents a heavy selection of his favourite Cuban cuts for Record Store Day 2026.
- Featuring prized tracks from Ricardo Eddy Martinez, Juan Pablo Torres, Grupo Los Yoyi and Farah Maria + many more alongside two exclusive DJ KOCO aka SHIMOKITA edits.
- 5 x unique 45s in a limited-edition clamshell box.

Two years since DJ KOCO aka SHIMOKITA curated his **sold-out Mr Bongo Brazil 45 boxset**, he is back with another **Record Store Day special**, this time turning his attention to **Cuba**. Following a meteoric rise to the top, the **Japanese DJ / turntablist extraordinaire** has won the world over with his unquestionable humility, refreshing positivity, and flawless skills. The DJ's DJ, it's as much about taste as it is technicality for **one of the world's best showmen**.

When the idea arose for a **Cuban Classics 45 Boxset** to mark RSD 2026, DJ KOCO was top of the list. With a **deep-seated passion for Cuban music**, its melting pot of cultures, its focus on rhythm, and its undeniable groove, DJ KOCO presents a selection of his **favourite Cuban cuts, as well as two exclusive edits for the boxset**.

It kicks off with the Latin funk sounds of **Ricardo Eddy Martinez y Expresso Ritmico**'s 'La 132' from 1978, before rolling into one of two spellbinding **Juan Pablo Torres y Algo Nuevo** cuts found on the boxset. Elsewhere, you'll hear **Farah María**'s slow disco 'Ámame Y No pienses Mas', an unusual American-leaning production for Cuba at the time, given the state of US-Cuban political relations in that period. Other highlights include **Orquesta Riverside**'s 'En Casa Del Trompo No Bailes', taken from a rare collectable 7", channelling a low-slung Latin bounce which explodes into an Afro-Cuban dancer as the track progresses.

In signature style, DJ KOCO has also served up two exclusive edits for the boxset. These include a reworking of the Cuban children's band **Grupo Ismaelillo**'s quirky 'Amanecer', giving it a more DJ-friendly structure. You'll also find DJ KOCO's take on **FA-5**'s much-loved funky dancer 'Muévete Con Las Fuerzas Del Corazón' with its heavy b-boy/girl break from 1976.

Testament to **Cuba's vast and vibrant musical landscape**, DJ KOCO has cherry-picked some of the finest recordings to emanate from the country, spanning a wide range of styles and rhythms. Yet what ties all the tracks on this boxset together, is a **hip hop sensibility and thirst for a breaks-heavy, danceable energy** which radiates through DJ KOCO's masterful DJ sets.

DJ KOCO AKA

SHIMOKITA

CUBAN 45

BOXSET



## RELEASE DATE

18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

## ANNOUNCEMENT DATE

4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

## FORMAT

5 x 7" VINYL BOXSET

MRB7235

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## FILE UNDER

CUBAN

LATIN

FUNK

BREAKS

MR BONGO

## TRACK-LISTING:

SEE BELOW



**TRACKLISTING:**

A - Ricardo Eddy Martínez y Expreso Rítmico - La 132  
B - Juan Pablo Torres y Algo Nuevo - Rompe Cocorioco  
C - Farah María - Ámame Y No pienses Mas  
D - Grupo Ismaelillo - Amanecer - DJ KOCO Edit  
E - FA-5 - Muévete Con Las Fuerzas Del Corazón - DJ KOCO Edit  
F - Grupo Los Yoyi - Paco La Calle  
G - Juan Pablo Torres Y Algo Nuevo - Y Viva La Felicidad  
H - Orquesta Riverside - En Casa Del Trompo No Bailes  
I - Grupo FA-5 - Ya Tengo Un Amor Verdadero  
J - Rembert Egües - Tema Para Un Amanecer