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David Leon is a Cuban-American saxophonist, woodwinds player, and composer/improviser living in Brooklyn, New York. His diverse musical output is guided by an exploration of nuance: in timbre by creatively manipulating saxophone technique, in pitch by tampering with equal temperament and employing microtonality, and in texture possibility through orchestration and improvisation.

As the culminating concert of his time at the UNCOOL Residency, he will perform new works for his quartet with bassists Henry Fraser and Florian Herzog, and drummer Raf Vertessen. The works are inspired by the polyphony generated by African diasporic drum ensembles - and in particular, of Cuban Rumba; they take influence from the counterpoint of quinto, tres, dos, and tumba drums in this music, and explore this conception of simultaneity and individuality that contributes to their composite expression.

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