

BEAT OF BRAZIL

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Ricardo Bacelar is a multi-instrumentalist and singer/songwriter from Fortaleza, Brazil, whose resume includes working with his nation's music royalty like Gilberto Gil, Ivan Lins, Roberto Menescal, and Egberto Gismonti. On his new single, 'Aqui Oh!', he is joined by the legendary husband and wife team, singer **Flora Purim** and percussionist supreme, **Airtó Moreira**.

Propelled by Airtó's percolating percussion and atmospheric jungle noises, 'Aqui Oh!' is a smooth, bossa nova-inflected groove written by Toninho Horta and Fernando Brant that recalls the compositional elegance of the great Antônio Carlos Jobim. Flora Purim joins Bacelar (who also plays keyboards on the track) at the microphone for the second part of the song, which grooves along with a hypnotic beat garnished with beguiling flute melodies.

Bacelar met Flora and Airtó through the award-winning filmmaker Jom Tob Azulay, who was making a documentary about the couple's life and music. "I presented the song to Flora, she really liked it, and we had the idea to record it together. Airtó recorded vocals and percussion," reveals Bacelar. "Flora and Airtó remain as experimental as ever, always seeking the new and avoiding the obvious. And they do this with an impressive sense of Brazilian identity." He adds: "Their performance is striking, full of maturity, inventiveness, and musical delicacy."

The sleek, tasteful 'Aqui Oh!' offers a preview of Bacelar's forthcoming and as yet untitled 2026 album. It will also appear as a bonus track on a new Flora Purim and Airtó project.

'Aqui Oh!' is available on streaming platforms from August 29th.

'Aqui Oh!' pre-save link: https://ffm.to/jasmin_aquioh

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