

musical notes



JOSE ORTIZ, JUST THE FACTS

By Michael Perlandri

One of Cleveland's finest talents that is always popping up is Jose Ortiz. Jose is undoubtedly a hard working musician/songwriter that takes pride in his work. He is one of the most dynamic, entertaining drummers around and is really something to see.

Jose has been entertaining for the past fifteen years, and is proud to be a Clevelander. He has played on national bills with people such as Tommy James, Billy Cobham, Gentle Giant, Peter Frampton, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, and Gladys Knight & the Pips, just to name a few.

Record credits include "I Don't Care" a rock jazz album on Buddah records; Roy Ayres Jazz album, "You Send Me" on Polydor Records, and his most recent project being the "Fever" album on Fantasy Records, which is currently No. 10 on Billboard's Disco Charts. Jose has also done some commercial scores, the most recent being Society National Bank on all major local stations.

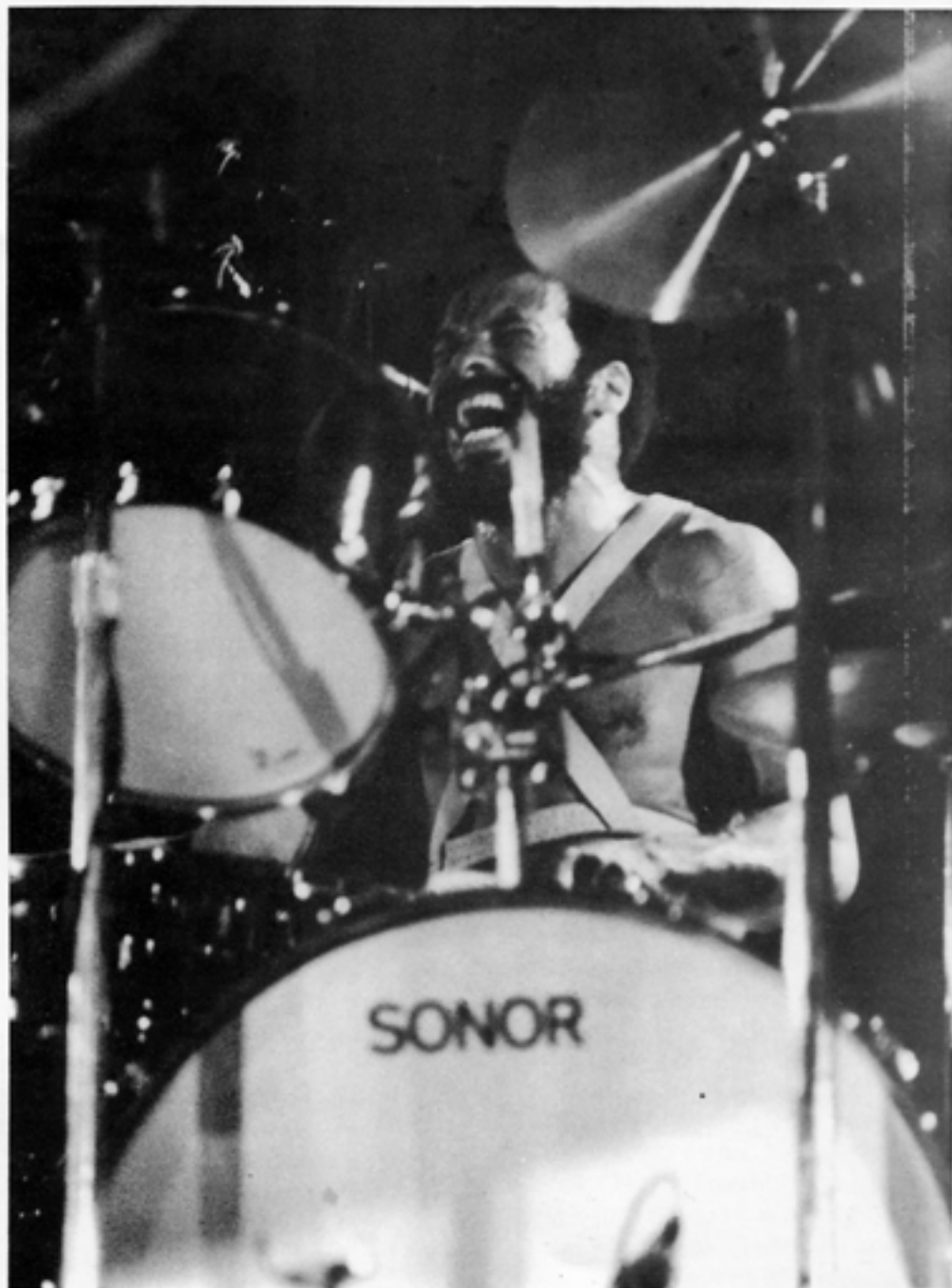
In 1977, the "I Don't Care" Band didn't really seem to care anymore, so Jose hooked up with the Roy Ayres Band and toured the country with him for almost four months.

Jose feels timing is important. When you feel right you do it, not just for the money. Happiness is first. If you're not happy, all the money in the world can't buy you happiness. He has always been one to roll with the punches and to go with the changes. Presently he is playing with one of the East Coast's

top disco bands, "Sketches", also from Cleveland.

"Sketches" is the finest disco group available to Clevelanders. When they are in town they play Clubs such as the Rare Cherry (soon to to the Cosmopolitan) and Bo-

jangles. They are also working on a record product. The group has been approached by Tom Cossie who handles Chic and Toto and other top entertainers, and Cory Wade, a top producer who has produced Peter Brown, Foxy, and T.K.



JOSE ORTIZ, DOING WHAT HE KNOWS BEST.