

## Joan Soriano Line-up

**Joan Soriano "El Duque":**  
Lead guitar, lead vocal

**Fernando Soriano:**  
Rhythm guitar, lead vocal  
Joan and his younger brother Fernando have been playing together for as long as either can remember. Their voices combine in a natural harmony born of years of collaboration. When Fernando takes the lead, he specializes in the Haitian influenced style popular in the bateys around Santo Domingo.



**Griselda Soriano: lead vocal, dancer**  
20 year old Griselda is the youngest of Joan's fourteen brothers and sisters. She is a commanding bachatera in a style which has traditionally been male dominated. An accomplished dancer and backing vocalist, Griselda also takes the lead with the powerful gusto of a soul diva.



**Julian Pacheco: bass guitar, backing vocal**  
Julian began his career as a merengüero and later converted to bachata. It was Joan who helped him with transition. In the process, Julian married Joan's sister Amparo. In addition to working with Joan, Julian is the bass player and musical arranger for El Gringo de la Bachata has composed several of hit songs for El Gringo and Juan Manuel.

**Raul Bier: Bongo, Tambora**  
Raul is one of bachata's top percussionists. He has recorded and performed with Prince Royce, Aventura, among others. Joan is one of Raul's early mentors. Joan affectionately calls Raul "one of my children."

**Carlos Lapaix Canela: Güira**  
Carlos is recognized as one of the Dominican Republic's top percussionists. He performed on Joan's "El Duque de la Bachata" CD and iASO instructional DVD "Bachata Breakdown". Besides working with Joan, he has toured with Victor Manuel and the Swiss group Extra.

