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Sofia Rei

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This leading light of Latin jazz had the most infectious smile at the 2012 Winter Jazzfest. The Buenos Aires native infuses the traditional music of Argentina with edgy harmonies and odd time signatures, but even for the non-Spanish speaking, the warmth that goes into every syllable communicates it all. Cumbia, currulao, fandango, and other rhythms of Colombia get special treatment here, but as a member of John Zorn's multicultural vocal group, Mycale, this is only a starting point. Also, in a memorable segment, she taught Conan O'Brien how to drink mate, the Argentine national beverage. His response? "You're like a dream."

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