



Hilario Durán Bio

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**Cuban-Canadian Pianist, Composer,
Arranger, Bandleader, Educator**

One of the world's most innovative creators
of Afro-Cuban music & Latin Jazz

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- ***"Hilario Durán is an unparalleled pianist, as well as being a composer and arranger of the first order...one of the greatest Cuban pianists of the 20th century".
—Chucho Valdés***
 - ***Latin Jazz Corner wrote that Hilario is one of the world's "contemporary Cuban pianists that moved jazz into the 21st century"***
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- Two JUNO Award 2010 nominations for the Hilario Durán Trio album "Motion" (Alma/Universal Records). Best Contemporary Jazz album of the Year & Recording Engineer of the Year. Named #1 Latin Jazz Best Recording of 2010 by Latin Jazz Network.
- Grammy nomination in 2007 for his Latin Jazz Big Band album, "From The Heart", (Alma/Universal Records) featuring Paquito D'Rivera and Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez. Juno Award Winner (Canadian Grammy equivalent) "Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year".
- Won two JUNO and over a dozen National Jazz Awards in Canada
- Honoured with prestigious 2007 Chico O'Farrill lifetime achievement award in Miami for his outstanding contributions to Afro-Cuban jazz and Latin Jazz. Awarded "Premio EGREM" for Best Arranger of the Year 1982-83—one of Cuba's most prestigious music prizes
- Performed with Cuba's legendary "Orquesta Cubana de Música Moderna". Invited by former leader Chucho Valdés to replace him as pianist when he started the famous group Irakere.
- Arranger, pianist, musical director with Arturo Sandoval for nine years, touring worldwide. Performed with "greats" Dizzy Gillespie, Michel Legrand, among many others
- Performed with and studied composition and arranging at Amadeo Roldan conservatory and under the musical directors of some of Havana's great cabaret and theatre orchestras
- Created extensive library of original compositions/arrangements.
- Adjunct piano professor and ensemble director in jazz faculty at Humber College, Toronto, Ontario
- Born 1953, Havana, Cuba. Immigrated in 1998 to Toronto, Canada. Named one of the 10 most influential Hispanic Canadians in 2009

Performance Formats

- Hilario Durán 13-piece Latin Jazz Band & Special Guest Jane Bunnett. Afro-Cuban & Latin Jazz
- Hilario Durán 20-piece Latin Jazz Big Band. Grammy-nominated. Afro-Cuban & Latin Jazz
- Hilario Durán Trio. Contemporary Afro-Cuban, Latin Jazz and Modern Jazz
- Hilario Durán Havana Remembered. The sound and savor of the "Golden Age" of Old Havana
- Hilario Durán. Solo piano and duos of Cuban Classics, Latin Jazz.
- Hilario Durán. Theatrical Music composition, performance and accompaniment