

# *Hilario Durán & His Latin Jazz Band with Special Guest Jane Bunnett*

“From Cuba to Canada with Thanks”

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Cuban-born Canadian Hilario Durán is one of the world's most innovative pianists, composers and arrangers of Afro-Cuban music and Latin Jazz, celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> year of his artistic career.

This special show and tour of Afro-Cuban music and Latin Jazz is presented as a “Thank-you to Canada” featuring a tribute to the long creative partnership between Hilario Durán and his special guest Jane Bunnett.

The electrifying instrumental and vocal performances of this outstanding 13-piece band present a new repertoire of Cuban-Canadian compositions and arrangements created by Hilario and Jane, celebrating the fusion of cultures.



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*“A sold-out event sponsored by JAZZ.FM91, the venue’s atmosphere was filled with a cascade of notes, mesmerizing grooves, tantalizing rhythms and magnificent performances.”*  
—Danilo Navas, Latin Jazz Network

See Review & Slideshow of Royal Theatre Concert, Toronto Sept. 25, 2010

<http://www.latinjazznet.com/2010/10/03/reviews/concerts/hilario-duran-celebrates-his-35-years-of-musical-career/>

Listen to three samples “Live” from the Royal show

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A landmark show—with roots in Cuba, but created in Canada—the repertoire extends in new directions a wide range of traditions in Afro-Cuban music, Latin Jazz and Canadian Jazz.

Hilario Durán’s original compositions reflect influences from a wide range of Jazz styles (Stan Kenton, Quincy Jones), Latin Jazz (Perez Prado, Dizzy Gillespie, Mario Bauzá, Tito Puente, Chico O’Farrill, Chucho Valdés), traditional and very modern Cuban melodies and rhythms, Afro-Cuban prayers influenced by gospel harmonies, Latin-American standards, Spanish styles, Flamenco-influenced melodies and Argentinean traditions.

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***Don’t Miss the Band’s Western Canadian Jazz Festival Tour. June 2011!***

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## Special Guest Jane Bunnett Soprano Sax & Flute

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- Distinguished Canadian soprano saxophonist, flutist, and composer drawing on her work of the past 25 years exploring the traditions of Afro-Cuban music and Latin Jazz
- Since Jane Bunnett's first trip to Cuba in 1982, she has immersed herself in Cuban culture, reflecting in her music the mixture of Caribbean and African elements.
- Her exploration of Afro-Cuban melodies express the universality of music and her ability to embrace and showcase the rhythms and culture of Cuba has been groundbreaking.
- Two Grammy Award nominations, (Best Latin Jazz Recording 2002 for Alma de Santiago and 2003 for Cuban Odyssey)
- Juno Award winner Best Contemporary Jazz Album 2009 for "Embracing Voices" and in 2006 for "Radio Guantanamo Blues Project - Vol. I." Numerous Juno Award nominations
- Winner at Canada's Urban Music Awards for Best Global Recording in 2003 for Cuban Odyssey
- Order of Canada in 2004 for her outstanding achievement and service to the country or to humanity at large



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### Thirteen-piece Latin Jazz band includes the following top Canadian jazz musicians.

Hilario Durán	Pianist & Musical Director
Jane Bunnett	Special Guest: Soprano Sax and Flute
Luis Deniz	Alto Sax
Jeff King	Tenor Sax
Pol Cousse	Tenor & Baritone Sax
Alexander Brown	Trumpet
Dave Dunlop	Trumpet
Christopher Butcher	Trombone
Francisco "Paco" Luviano	Bass
Ahmed Mitchel	Drums
Joaquin Hidalgo	Percussion
Yailen Durán	Vocalist
Luis Mario Ochoa	Vocalist

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