

# Hilario Durán & His Latin Jazz Big Band

## **"FROM THE HEART"** **Juno Award Winner, Grammy Nominee** **(Alma/Universal Records)**

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Hilario Durán's Latin Jazz Big Band album, "From The Heart", (2006. Alma/Universal Records), featuring Paquito D'Rivera and Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez, won a 2007 Grammy nomination and the 2007 Juno Award for "Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year".

**View Videoclips of the Big Band**  
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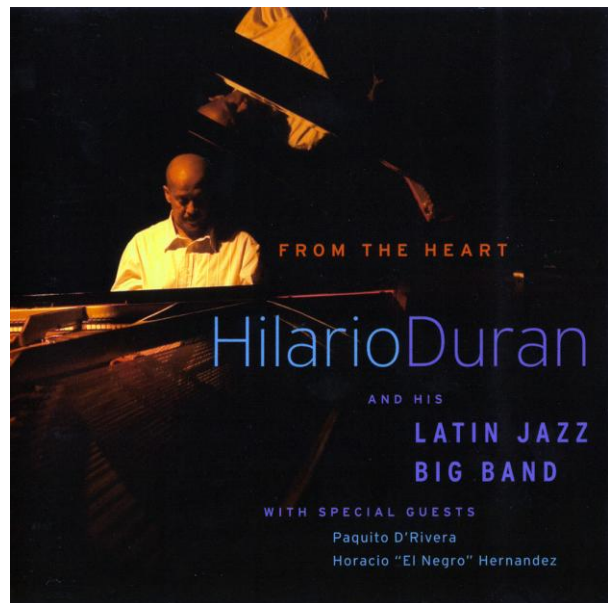
Cuban-born Canadian Hilario Durán is one of the world's most innovative pianists, composers and arrangers of Afro-Cuban music and Latin Jazz.

With his 20-piece Big Band, Hilario Duran recorded his award-winning CD "From The Heart" (Alma/Universal Records), realizing his life long dream.

From the Heart is a showcase tribute to the "Golden" era of the great Jazz Band Orchestras in Cuba.

Featuring Grammy-Award winning jazz great Paquito D'Rivera, drummer Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez and a who's who of Cuban and Canadian jazz stars, this recording demonstrated Duran's rhythmically sophisticated compositions and sensual arrangements written for his exciting 20-piece Latin Jazz Big Band.

All of Hilario Duran's extraordinary talents, influences, and passions combined to create a majestic, tradition-inspired tribute to Cuban Jazz Band Orchestras—a heartfelt masterpiece!



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### **Selected Reviews of "From the Heart":**

— Raul d'Gama Rose, All About Jazz. [www.allaboutjazz.com/php/article.php?id=30251&pg=1](http://www.allaboutjazz.com/php/article.php?id=30251&pg=1)

*"... Duran works his hands like a painter wielding not one but, magically, as many brushes as he has fingers. First he creates the bold outlines as he composes each work, then Duran arranges the colors in tonal landscapes with clusters of brassy, woody and primeval, percussive sound."*

— Edward Blanco, All About Jazz. [www.allaboutjazz.com/php/article.php?id=23464](http://www.allaboutjazz.com/php/article.php?id=23464)

*"The record unveils music that traverses a broad spectrum of melodic, harmonic and rhythmic architecture. But it is beautifully restrained and never tries to showboat, despite the sublime virtuosity throughout."*

— Vortex Jazz. [www.vortexjazz.co.uk/cd-reviews/from-the-heart.html](http://www.vortexjazz.co.uk/cd-reviews/from-the-heart.html)

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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

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