

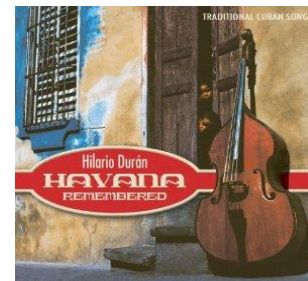
Hilario Durán Y Orquesta Havana Remembered

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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.

Take a journey into the golden era of Cuban music with Hilario Durán y Orquesta Havana Remembered, featuring traditional Cuban repertoire and original compositions that incorporate elements of Cuban songs with Hilario Durán's arrangements.

"Havana Remembered" captivates the spirit, sound and savor of old Havana in its "Golden Era". Songs like "Cintura de Alambre", "Mírame Así", "Para ti Nengón" and "El que a Hierro Mata" represent the ambience of Old Havana mixed together with Afro-Cuban influences. All songs are traditional, except "Homenaje a Cachao", "Amigo", and "Sonrisas" which were written by Hilario Durán (music) and Yailen Durán (lyrics).



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The JUNO-nominated CD "Havana Remembered" is a fresh, vibrant, Cuban music recording blending milieus and motifs of early 20th-century Cuban songs and the spirit of Old Havana in the "Golden Era".

"Cuban born, Canada-based pianist Hilario Durán was also one of the most popular acts on the last day. ... It went down like the Titanic among the people who thronged the stage to demonstrate their fancy Latin dance steps. Out front, singers Yailen Duran (Hilario's daughter) and Luis Mario Ochoa sashayed to the infectious grooves set up by Hilario and his magnificent band members."

—John Stevenson, Barbados Jazz Festival, 2009 [Read review](#)

Since the troubadours roamed the villages with guitars strapped to their backs, music has resonated through the Cuban landscape. Weaving a colorful tapestry of love, life and "las cosas sencillas" (simple things), music is the loom that binds Cuba's people. Echoing from doorways and spilling out of cantinas, traditional Cuban music with its African, French, and Spanish influences, remains as much a staple of Cuban culture today as it did a century ago. Hilario Durán y Orquesta Havana Remembered recreate this for audiences of all kinds.



Hilario Durán Bio

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

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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