

Hilario Durán Trio

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Hilario Durán is one of the world's most innovative pianist/composers/arrangers of Afro-Cuban music and Latin Jazz. The outstanding musical interplay of this stellar Trio, featuring Roberto Occhipinti on bass and Mark Kelso on drums, thrills audiences of all kinds.

"This trio is one of my most expressive musical formations—classic Cuban and Latin jazz repertoire with essential rhythms from Afro-Cuban music like cha-cha-cha, Bembé, Mambo, Son Montuno and elements of modern jazz." —Hilario Durán

Latin Jazz Network: Best Recordings of 2010 #1. Hilario Durán Trio – Motion (Alma Records)

"One of the greatest Cuban pianists. No doubt about it. Either solo, on a duo, trio, quartet... or a big band (you get the idea), Hilario's compositions and arrangements are outstanding."
[See the article and video.](#) —Danilo Navas, Feb 2, 2011.



*"The album Motion creates different moods ranging from a soft and smooth piano, to hard driven drum solos; its Latin mood floats throughout the whole album. Motion feels more like this trio created a very strong set list for a concert where all the pieces intertwine, but have their own original flavors. **Hilario Durán** is an amazing pianist and composer and his decades of work in the music industry shine through the album's eight tracks."*

[See the complete review.](#)

—Michael Pascua, July 25, 2010



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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