

Internationally recognised as a jazz pianist, composer, arranger and bandleader of the highest order, the Cuban-Canadian Maestro Duran; multi-JUNO-winning Hilario Duran highlights the richness of Afro-Cuban jazz and makes a major contribution to the genre.

Always looking to stretch his creative boundaries, Duran presents in an intimate setting his original compositions that reflect a wide range of influences from Cuban classics (Lecuona, Amadeo Roldan, Ignacio Cervantes); jazz (Stan Kenton, Quincy Jones); Latin jazz (Perez Prado, Dizzy Gillespie, Mario Bauzá, Tito Puente, Chico O'Farrill, Chucho Valdés); traditional and modern Cuban melodies and rhythms; Afro-Cuban prayers influenced by gospel harmonies; American standards; Spanish styles, Flamenco-influenced melodies and Argentinean traditions. The repertoire to be performed presents the return to Hilario's roots and his ancestors. It is Afro-Cuban Jazz with elements of Bembé 6X8, Güajira and Son Montuno enriched with the Tumbao, which means a typical Cuban ostinato melody used to comping most of the styles of Cuban music.

Duran explores the entire spectrum of Cuban music with the authencity and vibrancy of Duran unique musical vision



