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Biography
Hilario Duran**

**Cuban Pianist, Composer, Arranger, Orchestra Leader,
Educator**

ALMA Records Recording Artist / Universal Music Canada

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HILARIO DURAN JUNO NOMINATED 2010, CD "MOTION"

**HILARIO DURAN HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 10 MOST INFLUENTIAL
HISPANIC CANADIAN.**

- ALMA Records /Universal Music Canada/RYKO USA recording artist *Hilario Duran* is from Havana, Cuba, and based in Toronto, Canada
- Hilario Duran and his Latin Jazz orchestra performed at the Cultural Olympiad 2010 at the Performance Work theatre on March 19 and 20.
- Internationally renowned for his earlier work as pianist and arranger for many great artists while still living in Cuba
- Hilario is a multi Canadian multi *Juno* and *National Jazz Award* winner, an American *Grammy Award* nominee and recipient of the 2007 *Chico O'Farrill Lifetime Achievement Award*.
- *Latin Jazz Corner* wrote that Hilario is one of the world's "contemporary Cuban pianists that moved jazz in the 21st century".
- Five Nominations for the Canadian National Awards (Pianist, Arranger, SOCAN Composer, Musician and Latin jazz Artist of the Year)

Hilario Duran, pianist, arranger, producer, composer, bandleader and educator; better known as "Con Tumbao", not only represents an important musician in contemporary Cuban music; he stands as a turning point in Cuban music history. Chucho Valdes has called him "One of the greatest Cuban pianists of the 20th century."

Born into a musical family in Havana in 1953, Duran experienced the waning days of the glorious orchestras that drove musical innovation on the city's scene.

Benefiting from his family's huge record collection and early influences ranging from Erroll Garner, Harry James and Russian classical master Vladimir Horowitz to McCoy Tyner, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock and Keith Jarrett, [Hilario Duran] attended Cuba's Amadeo Roldan Conservatory for formal training. He then leaped into trumpeter Arturo Sandoval's band as pianist, arranger and musical director for nine years.

Cuban-Canadian jazz pianist Hilario Duran is a fixture on the Toronto music scene. Lucky Toronto, this Juno-winning and Grammy-nominated composer and bandleader has become an integral and important part of the Canadian music scene.

Hilario's history shines through the broad spectrum of musical styles and his high level of artistry drives an ambitious musical agenda.