

**HILARIO DURAN TRIO - CANADIAN SUMMER TOUR 2024**  
**OSCAR PETERSON MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

*The celebrated Cuban-Canadian Piano Master Hilario Duran, in a Trio formation, one of his most expressive musical expressions, will honour the music of Oscar Peterson, one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time and one of Canada's most honoured musicians.*

**Piano: Hilario  
Duran**

**Bass: Roberto  
Occhipinti**

**Drums: Mark  
Kelso**



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### **THE MUSIC**

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**Oscar Peterson** - Acclaimed by some as the most outstanding jazz pianist of all time, Peterson was incredibly influential and left his mark on the Canadian jazz scene and the world stage.

The death of Oscar Peterson marked the loss of an incredible human being and a great talent. He was a proud black Canadian whose music has forever shaped our culture and heritage. Peterson's story will continue to inspire generations to follow their dreams, and the echoes of his dancing fingers will be heard for years and years to come.

Cuban Canadian pianist Hilario Duran, who admired Peterson since he was a child, had the opportunity to study and perform his music, and now, Duran, in a Trio formation, brought his musicianship to the Jazz FM 91.1 airwave to celebrate

Peterson's musical trajectory at the Oscar Peterson Day.

The music to be performed is a compilation of Peterson's music, with some of Hilario's compositions influenced by Oscar; the Trio will perform tunes such as "C Jam Blues," "Wheat Land," "Bossa Beguine," "Hymn To Freedom," and many more.

The repertoire also includes music from the Cuban legend Ernesto Lecuona, arranged by Duran but through Peterson's vision. On some tracks, Cuban rhythms will be fused with the styles of Oscar's music in a tribute to his name.



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**THE TRIO – THE MUSICIANS**

*The Trio will present many years of musical growth that reflects a combination of Afro-Cuban styles with Modern Jazz and contemporary harmonies to honour the music of Oscar Peterson, one of the greats!*



**Hilario Duran** – Juno and Grammy 2024 nominee. Finalist of the 2023 Toronto Arts Foundation Award; C.S.A. Nominee 2021 Achievement in Music Original Song – The Cuban Film; winner of the Louis Applebaum Composers Award and winner of various Juno Awards; Hilario Duran is well recognized for his piano playing and composing skills.

*The Cuban-born grew up in Havana in a musical family surrounded by various musical influences; Peterson's music was among the most listened to and studied.*

*After making his mark in Cuba, Duran continued to essay his skills as a pianist, producer, composer, arranger and musical director of remarkable virtuosity.*

*A classically trained, Duran's art form describes all musical elements; the originality and quality of his music have been influenced by great musicians such as Oscar Peterson, among many others.*



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*Acclaimed drummer Mark Kelso is not only a skilled musician who plays drums and an assortment of percussion, but his ability to play various musical styles helped him become one of Canada's most sought-after drummers. In addition, Kelso has amassed a solid reputation as a versatile and musical performer who is now one of the first-call players in the country.*

*Mark's ability to play a wide variety of musical styles has helped him become one of Canada's most sought-after drummers.*



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*Imagination, versatility, and technical excellence describe Canadian bassist Roberto Occhipinti, who has been long recognized for his chameleon-like ability to dig into almost any musical form.*

*Bassist Occhipinti has an established presence in both Canadian and international jazz scenes. A five-time Juno Award recipient, Occhipinti is in demand across an astounding range of contexts. He has enjoyed a productive career primarily as a bassist and secondarily as a producer.*

*The Toronto-born has performed in classical orchestras, jazz ensembles, Latin groups, rhythm & blues outfits, and rock bands throughout his career.*



*The music of the Trio is a revelation, a tried, tested, well-oiled machine that exudes camaraderie and sixth sense. Duran has perfect soul mates in drummer Mark Kelso and bassist Roberto Occhipinti. The empathy between them is not only the key to resolution; it helps take the music to an enthralling high.*



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### **HILARIO DURAN TRIO TOUR TO HONOUR THE MUSIC OF OSCAR PETERSON**



***Oscar is considered one of history's great jazz players.***

*Oscar Peterson is one of Canada's most honoured musicians. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest jazz pianists ever. He was renowned for his remarkable speed, dexterity, meticulous, ornate technique, and dazzling swinging style.*

*Oscar Emmanuel Peterson was born on the 15th of August, 1925. He was known for his mesmerizing solo technique as a virtuoso jazz pianist and composer and became one of the country's most highly praised jazz performers.*

*He has been awarded numerous laurels for his work, like the seven Grammy Awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy. Peterson is considered one of history's most phenomenally successful jazz pianists.*

*Oscar Peterson has accumulated numerous accolades in his career. He is recognized all over Canada by being honoured with the country's three most esteemed awards: The First Order of Canada (Canada's highest civilian honour,) The National Order of Quebec (the highest honour in Quebec administered by the Governor-in-Council Quebec residents for conspicuous achievements in any field,) and The Order of Ontario which is the province's highest civilian honour for Ontarians who have shown the highest level of excellence and achievement in any field and impact has left a lasting legacy in the province.*

*Oscar Peterson considered the Trio formation the most stimulating and productive setting for public performances. For Hilario Duran Trio, it is an honour to perform the music of this legend on tour.*



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### **AWARDS**



**2023:** *Special Recognition for Achievements in Music. City Council of Cleveland, Ohio*

**2020:** *Winner of the Latin Awards Canada*

**2018:** *Winner of the Louis Applebaum Composers Awards*

**2013:** *Composer of the Year (Toronto Musicians Association - Vision Awards – Premio a la Trayectoria*

**2010:** *Motion - Hilario Duran Trio - # 1 Best Latin Jazz Best Recording (Latin Jazz Network)*

**2009:** *One of the Ten Most Influential Hispanic Canadians*

**2007:** *From the Heart – Hilario Duran & Latin Jazz Big Band Juno Winner*

*Recipient of the Chico O'Farrill Lifetime Achievement Award (U.S.A.)*

*Arranger of the Year, SOCAN Composer, Big Band of the Year, Best Musician; Latin Jazz Artist of the Year by the Canadian National Jazz Awards*

**2005:** *New Danzon – Hilario Duran Trio – Juno Winner ■ C.A.W. Excellence in Music – Eleventh Annual Canadian Big Band Celebration*

**1982:** *Best Arranger of the Year – Premio EGREM – Havana, Cuba*



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### **NOMINATIONS**



**2024:** Juno and Grammy Awards Nomination – "Cry Me a River" – Hilario Duran and His Latin Jazz Big Band

**2023:** Finalist of the 2023 Toronto Arts Foundation Award

**2020:** Achievement in Music – Original Song – The Cuban Film - C.S.A Nominee

**2018:** Hilario Duran 'Contumbao' – Juno Nominee

**2011:** Cuban Rhapsody' - Hilario Duran & Jane Bunnett — Juno Nominee

**2010:** Motion – Hilario Duran Trio – Juno Nominee

**2007:** From the Heart – Hilario Duran & Latin Jazz Big Band – GRAMMY Nominee

**2006:** 'Encuentro en la Habana' Hilario Duran & Perspectiva – Juno Nominee

**2002:** 'Havana Remembered' – Hilario Duran & Havana Remembered Orchestra – JUNO



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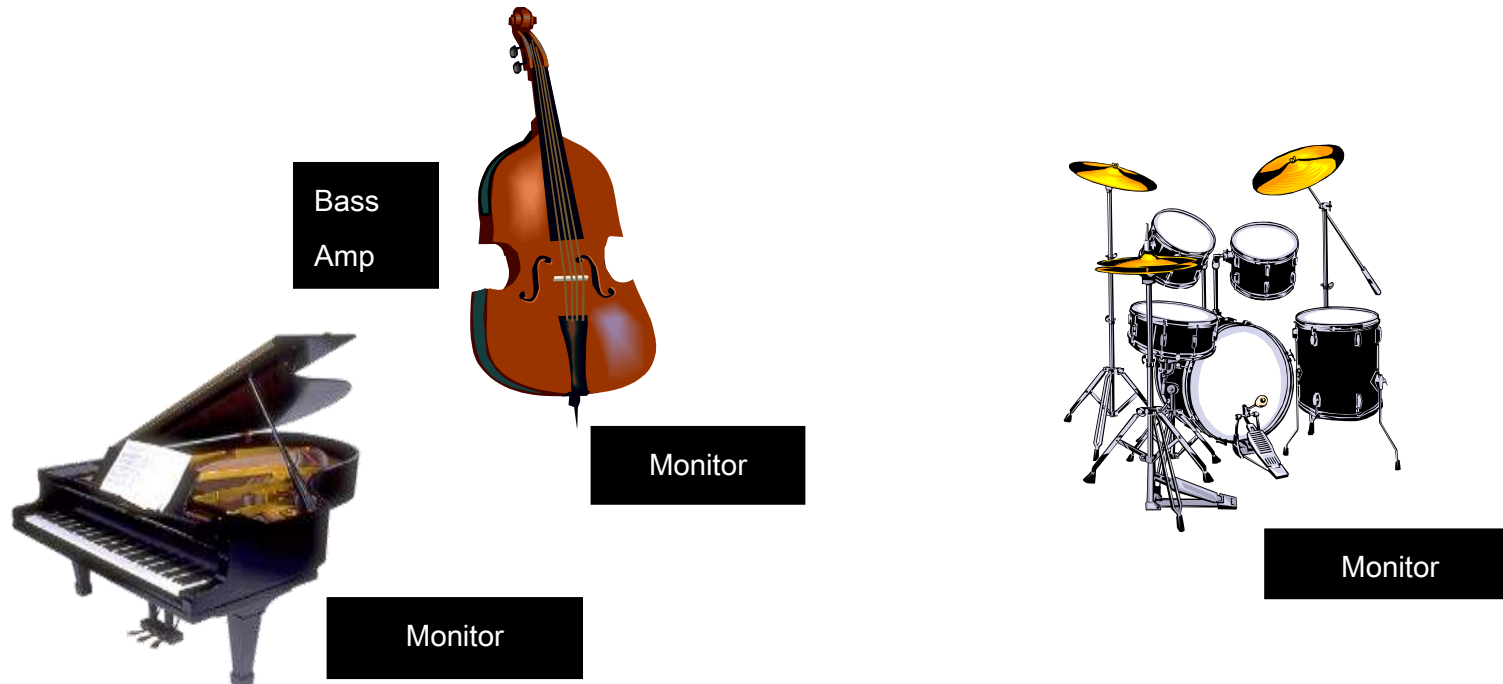


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**STAGE PLOT AND REQUIREMENTS**

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**AUDIENCE**



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*Piano Specifications: Steinway Concert Grand, Model D Piano with an adjustable bench. Yamaha also works*

*1 x Bass Amplifier: Any small Bass amplifier will do;*

*Drums Specifications: YAMAHA*  
*Yamaha endorses artist Mark Kelso*

*8 x Microphones: 5 for the Drums*  
*2 for the Piano*  
*1 Talk microphone*

*3 x Monitors: 2 x regular; 1x monitor send*

*2 X Music stand*

**MEDIA QUOTES**



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“ **A 'One of a kind' musician** - "He's one of a kind, on a genius scale." **Nick Krewen – Toronto Star**

“ Hilario Duran is an unparalleled pianist, as well as being  
A composer and arranger of the first order"...  
**Chucho Valdes – Pianist**

“ Passionate, innovative, expressive, dynamic, evocative,  
sophisticated, genius – superlatives consistently used to  
describe the towering musicality and virtuosity that is pianist,  
composer, arranger and bandleader, Hilario Duran."  
**Sharna Searle, The Whole Note**

“ In the hands of master pianist Hilario Duran, Cuba's past,  
Present and future flow together like a graceful glissando  
Gliding up the keyboard... "A pianist and composer of  
Remarkable virtuosity... marvellous music..."  
**Allaboutjazz.com**

“ With what old-time barrelhouse and boogie players  
calls left hand like a God,' and a fertile harmonic  
and melodic imagination, Duran shines..."  
**Robert Palmer – Music Critic**

“ "Duran is a keyboard lion with taste and style."  
**Frank van Herk, De Volkskrant (N.L.)**

“ "Hilario Durán is about the hottest pianist in any  
given genre... one of the true genius musicians in  
modern jazz, with a lot to say and more to come  
**The All Music**

**SOCIAL MEDIA**



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