

# Bio

## Fernando Knopf

*Musician, Producer, Composer, Arranger & Educator*

Fernando Knopf was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1977. His first's connections with music began at his home in Buenos Aires, surrounded by Jazz, Classical and south-American music. He began studying Piano, Music Theory and vocal training with teachers from the Teatro Colon Symphonic Orchestra and Bass Guitar (Main Instrument) at age of 14 with Gustavo Gregorio methods in Buenos Aires, Oscar Stagnaro methods, Arie Volinez, Dr. Arnon Palty, double bassist Eli Magen, Yelsy Heredia in Madrid - Spain, Norberto Goldberg, and more.

Fernando holds a Jazz Performance Major Degree from the Berklee affiliated "Rimon College of Jazz and Contemporary Music" and The Rubin Academy of Music Jerusalem.

In 2000 Knopf began to perform professionally in Jazz Ensembles, Salsa Bands, Latin Groups, Orchestras and Pop/ Rock bands. From 2001 thru 2012 Fernando performed, produced and recorded with International Artists including:

Superstar David Broza, Pedrito Martinez (Cuba-NYC), Tito Puente Jr. (Son of the Legend), Tour with Cuban singer/ Percussionist Igor Arias Baro, Gene Perry, Roberto Rodriguez (Cuba/ NYC), Singer Ella Fuksbrauner (Colombia), Tour with maestro Efrain Toro (Puerto Rico), , Wilson Kriminal (Panama), Jazz singer Nancy King, Pianist Steve Cristoffersson, Singer Deborah Brown, Master Percussionist Gilad Dobrecky, Percussionist Roberto Quintero (Venezuela), Yelsy Heredia (Cuba-Spain), saxophonist Eli Degibri, pianist Alon Yavnai, Joca Perpignan (Brazil), Trombonist Avi Lebovich, Norberto Goldberg & Zig Zag (NYC) , Violinist Ricardo Herz (Brazil), Italo Gonzales, Missa Criolla with Ensemble Latino Americano, The Tel Aviv Jazz Big Band, The Israel Chamber Orchestra, Flamenco Guitarist Baldi Olier, Bandonionist Eduardo Abramson (Argentina), Oud Player and Violinist Yair Dallal, Musical Show "Sweet Charity", Bustan Sefaradi, and many more.

Also performed with Israeli Top singers David Broza, Shlomo Idov, Yoram Gaon, Mira Awad, Din Din Aviv and Marina Maximilian Blumin

In November 2005 Fernando was granted and distinguished in Buenos Aires, Argentina with the 2005 "**Jewish Cultural Achievement Award**". On July 2006 Knopf was part of a special interview with Maestro **Lalo Schifrin**.

From 2005 till today Mr. Knopf is also the Musical Director of the Israel Salsa Band, part of the **Worldwide Hard Salsa CD compilation** by Latin Soul Records, NYC, USA.

In 2006 Fernando released worldwide his **Debut CD**, Latin Jazz Band, with the collaboration of distinguished International Guest Artists. The Group performed extensively for 2 years.

In 2008 Fernando formed his new Quintet and released a **Live Recording CD**, recorded during a Tour of Concerts abroad.

Knopf also performed with big success at the Red Sea Jazz Festival, **The Israeli Parliament (The Knesset)**, Thelonus Club Buenos Aires, Jamboree Club Barcelona, Café Populart Madrid, La Negra Tomasa Madrid, Boris Club de Jazz, Teatro San Martin Buenos Aires, Oliverio Jazz Club Buenos Aires, Eilat Mediterranean Salsa Congress, Tel Aviv Jazz Festival, Nestle Music Festival, Rabin Square, Zappa Clubs, Shablul Club, Jerusalem Theatre, Haifa Auditorium, Tel Aviv Museum of Arts, International Cruises around Europe and many more.

Fernando has performed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Israel, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Turkia and more.

In addition, Mr. Knopf is the founder of **Latin Power Productions**.

Fernando teaches today at the Berklee affiliated "Rimon College of Jazz and Contemporary Music" in Tel Aviv, directs the Latin Jazz/Salsa Orchestra, Latin American Music Courses, Ensembles, Summer Workshops, Basslines and more. Fernando also conducts workshops and Music Conferences worldwide.

Knopf was also the Artistic Director of the Jam Sessions at the Red Sea Jazz Festival 2011.

*Fernando Knopf endorses **Warwick Basses**.*

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