



## **Latin Power - A new production and a milestone in Latin Music**

The international Artist Fernando Knopf, introduces a new production that combines original scores as well as arrangements of well-known songs from Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, with influences of Latin jazz, Funk and World Music.

Argentina-born Fernando (1977) began his way at the age of 14 in the Latin Jazz and Classical Music scenes, studied with some of the best musicians in South America, Spain and Israel. A graduate of Rimon School of Music and the Academy of Music in Jerusalem, today Fernando acts as Director of the Latin Music department at Rimon. He also leads several Latin Jazz, Salsa & World Music ensembles and orchestras, and is the producer and artistic director of the Red Sea (Eilat) Jazz Festival for the "Jam Sessions".

He has recorded, performed and produced with international artists such as Tito Puente Jr., David Broza, Efrain Toro, Pedrito Martinez, Gene Perry, Deborah Brown, Igor Arias Baro, Eli Degibri, Avi Levovich and Nancy King, among many others. He has played alongside many Israeli artists, among them David Broza, Shlomo Idov, Ihoram Gaon, Din Din Aviv, Marina Maximilian Blumin, The Israeli Chamber Orchestra and Yair Dalal.

In his new production - **Latin Power**- which is aimed to both Israeli and international audiences, Fernando has put together a group of leading artists in the field, musicians with a solid international background. A unique combination, the project mixes different influences of Latin music to create a new show, in which the combination of addictive Latin rhythms and touching melodies results in a particularly strong energy. This production aims to present an alternative to Latin music and to enable future opportunities for musicians and other artists with international background to join at a later time.

### **New Production Members:**

Fernando Knopf - Vocals, bass guitar, keyboards, musical director (Argentina, Israel)

Italo Gonzalez - Guest vocalist (Chile, Israel)

Yehudit Goldfarb - Vocals (Argentina, Israel)

Gal Dahan - Saxophones (Israel)

Mark Brill- Trumpet (Russia, Israel)

Liran Elal - Keyboards and background vocals (Israel)

Gilad Dobertzky – Master Percussionist (USA, Israel)

Yogi Shitrit - Drums (USA, Israel)



### Previous Productions by Fernando:

- Concert tour with singer/ conga player **Gene Perry** (Puerto Rico/USA). Musical production, arrangements and production of three concerts for around 1,500 throughout the country, July 2012.
- Special Musical Production for the Anniversary of **the Israeli Parliament (The KNESSET)**. Musical Production; Direction of Orchestras, Ensembles and Arrangements. February 2012
- Musical production and performances all around Israel with Cuban singer/ percussionist **Igor Arias Baro**, March 2012.
- Musical and tour production with **Tito Puente Jr.** in Israel in 2011.
- Production of concert with **David Broza** in 2011. The concert included some of Broza's songs with special arrangements by Fernando for Salsa orchestra and Spanish guitar.
- Production of debut disc (2005-2006) in collaboration with well-known international guest artists. The CD was launched worldwide in 2006 and was **awarded the "Jewish Cultural Achievement Award of 2005"** in Buenos Aires. As a result of this appointment, Fernando led a live interview with **Maestro Lalo Schiffrin**, which was broadcasted by the Latin American media.
- Israel Salsa Band - In 2005, Fernando founded his successful band, a referent of Latin Music in Israel.
- Fernando's songs were featured in the **worldwide Hard Salsa CD compilation by Latin Soul Records, NYC, USA.**
- Musical production, recording and distribution of "La Malanga" (Eddie Palmieri) for **Latin Soul Records** company of New York City.
- Concert tour and production/recording of two albums with the **Zig Zag Quintet** (2002-2003), distributed in the USA.

### Local and International Concerts

The Red Sea Jazz Festival

The Tel Aviv Jazz Festival

The KNESSET (The Israeli Parliament)

Jamboree Jazz - Barcelona, Spain

Thelonious Jazz - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Oliverio Jazz Club - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Boris Club de Jazz - Palermo Holywood, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Teatro San Martín - Buenos Aires, Argentina



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