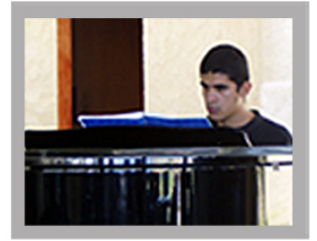


DIEGO RAMIREZ

Diego Ramirez Herrera was born May 21, 1973, in Mexico City, and at age five he began to take piano lessons. He studied for ten years at the National Conservatory of Music in Mexico City, classes in piano and classical music with Maestros Jose Luis Arcaraz, Guillermo Salvador, and Christina de la Vega.



But it was Maestra Irina Lieberman, from Czechoslovakia, who helped Diego develop his technique and musicality.

When Diego was twenty he had his first exposure to jazz and decided to become a jazz pianist and composer. By age twenty one he was playing jazz with the original "Diego Ramirez Trio" in Cancun.

Diego's music and compositions are influenced by his admiration for Mexican classical composers Silvestre Revueltas, Manuel M. Ponce, and Carlos Chavez. He was also influenced by improvisational musicians such as Miles Davis, by Leonard Bernstein, but it was Mayan music which gave birth to his original compositions.

Diego Ramirez has participated in several jazz festivals:

1999 International Festival of Jazz in Cancun

1999 International Festival of Jazz in Merida

1999 Concert in the jazz club "A-Train" in Berlin

2000, 2001 & 2002 International Festivals of Jazz in Cancun

2003 & 2004 International Jazz Festivals in Los Cabos

2005, 2006 & 2007 LigaMac presents Jazz in San Jose del Cabo

2007 West Coast Tour including a performance at Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill Jazz in Los Angeles with Pat Senatore; jam sessions at Alexander's Top of the Hilton, Produc Row Cafe in Portland and Tula's in Seattle; and a performance at the Octavia Lounge in San Francisco

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