



KEMUEL ROIG

JAZZ PIANIST
COMPOSER • PRODUCER

BIOGRAPHY

At age 4, Cuban-born Kemuel Roig had already developed a passion for music and was intent on becoming a drummer. Four short years later, he studied both percussion and classical piano as a student of the Cuban National Vocational Art School in Ciego de Avila, Cuba, a pursuit he continued until relocating to the United States in 2002. At age 18, Roig accepted an invitation to perform at the Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy with the MDC Hard Bop Jazz Ensemble, an ensemble with which he won both outstanding composition and piano solo from DownBeat Magazine's Annual Student Competition the following year.

Roig has subsequently toured and recorded globally with musicians such as Arturo Sandoval, Al Di Meola, Giovanni Hidalgo, Ed Calle, Amaury Gutierrez, Aymee Nuviola and Isaac Delgado, to name a few. "Genesis," was released in 2020 featuring renowned names like Chris Potter, Randy Brecker, Alain Perez, and Julio Padron as a biography of Roig's musical life honoring his musical heroes. Influenced by the musical genius of musicians such as Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Chucho Valdez, Bud Powell, McCoy Tyner, Bill Evans, and Fred Hersch, "Genesis" is seven original AfroCuban Jazz compositions and three world-recognized jazz standards arranged a la Afro-Cuban Jazz.

In November 2020, Kemuel recorded his most recent musical project called "*Live Acoustic Session*". Last year, he decided to produce a live experience for all the music lovers wanting to hear something fresh, hopeful, and full of original compositions in the midst of one of humanity's hardest moments. He is the founder and head instructor of Pianodemia.com, his virtual piano academy for musician at all levels.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. "Jazzwise" UK's Biggest Selling Jazz Magazine reviews of 4 stars**** Kemuel Roig's album "Genesis"
2. 2020 Emmy® Awards nominee Suncoast Regional.
3. Master's Degree from "Frost School of Music" University of Miami, Miami, FL.
4. DownBeat Magazine Annual Student Competition under two categories, outstanding composition, and piano solo.
5. Founder and head instructor of Pianodemia.com, his virtual piano academy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

"Kemuel Roig is an incredible musician. He is blessed by God with amazing musicianship. I enjoy so much his playing on every performance. It is a real joy to listen to him play on so many different styles with absolute authenticity."

Arturo Sandoval
10 Times Grammy Award Winner
Jazz Trumpet Player

"Kemuel Roig is one of the most accomplished and creative pianists in the music today! He brings to my music the rhythm virtuosity, harmonic sophistication, melodic flair, and all-around artistry that makes him a number one call not only for my band but for top artists in diverse genres worldwide. He's a gifted educator and a beautiful human being who is a joy to be around. Kemuel Roig is a "must hear" for anyone interested in the real deal in creative music in the 21st century"

Brian Lynch
Grammy Award-Winning Jazz Trumpet Player

"Kemuel's arrangement of Inner Urge, one of my favorite Joe Henderson tunes, shows a deep understanding of the language of both jazz and latin music, with an eye towards the future. Also he plays great, check it out!"

Chris Potter

Grammy-Nominated

Jazz Saxophonist & Multi-instrumentalist

"For the past few years, I have been fortunate to make music with Kemuel Roig on the bandstand with Arturo Sandoval, in many ensembles, and on numerous recording projects including my Latin Grammy-winning album Mamblue. Kemuel Roig is a true master of music and a piano giant. His energy, virtuosity, taste, harmonic and melodic vocabulary, and an incomparable ability to groove listeners and the band into a foot-tapping, hip-swaying celebration are traits that make Kemuel Roig one of the premiere pianists on the scene to come. I am proud to call Kemuel my colleague and friend. Listen and Enjoy!"

Dr. Ed Calle

Latin Grammy Award Winning Jazz Sax Player

"It was a privilege for me to play on Kemuel Roig's new album and I think his best record ever "Genesis". From the first few bars, you can tell you're really in for something well planned thought out and special. Not that lack of spontaneity because had great improvising on this production but I like this kind of record which really has some thought put into it and thought for the whole thing from beginning to end. All the different moods, all are the different and wonderful compositions. Some of his and some tunes you already know but re-harmonized. This album is one of the best things I've heard in a long time. Check it out it's going to be great!"

Randy Brecker

Grammy Award Winning Jazz Trumpet Player

"Kemuel Roig is a perfect blend of virtuosity and musicality. The humanity of his personality permeates his music, which can be as thrilling or as heartfelt as any you will hear."

Shelly Berg

Dean of "Frost School of Music

University of Miami

Grammy-Nominated Jazz Pianist

"Kemuel Roig is a truly gifted pianist, improviser, and composer. Possessing a serious command of the piano, Kemuel plays with fire, emotion, and energy--yet always projects a mature sense of musicality and taste. A modernist deeply tied to the jazz tradition, Kemuel has developed his unique sound and approach as a pianist and composer, combining elements of traditional and modern jazz, post-modern Cuban and Afro-Cuban influences. I'm always inspired and elated listening to Kemuel play!"

Martin Bejerano

Pianist of legendary musicians such as Roy Haynes

Jazz Piano Professor at Frost School of Music

University of Miami

"Kemuel Roig ha desarrollado un sonido personal combinando con inteligencia elementos del jazz tradicional y moderno así como influencias afro-cubanas"

La Habitación Del Jazz

"Roig plays elegantly and restrained, much differently than other Cuban pianists"

Glide Magazine

"Kemuel Roig's solo flights of fancy on the piano are complex trips to heaven"

Goldmine Magazine

The Music Collector's Magazine