

Enyi-K Biography

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Enyi-K (Born May 30, 1961) is a pianist, conductor and composer from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He is known as a great Latin, jazz and classical pianist with superb technical ability, and has played and recorded with many world-famous singers and musicians. Some of his main musical influences are Michael Camilo and Chick Corea. He was born into a musical family, and as a young child showed great aptitude for the piano and the acoustic bass. Although he enjoyed Latin percussion, it was his mother that sparked his interest in piano the most when she enrolled him in the public elementary music school in Santo Domingo, capital of Dominican Republic, then after completing the third year entered the National Conservatory of Music on the island.

Enyi received formal classical training at the school, and by age 17 he was playing with the National Philharmonic Orchestra of the Dominican Republic. Enyi studied for nine years at the National Conservatory where Michael Camilo and Juan Luis Guerra studied, and while developing his strong classical abilities, he was also heavily influenced by the bop tradition and the contemporary jazz of Chick Corea. Other influences included Big Band Era music (Glen Miller) and George Taveras: a well known Latin and jazz Dominican pianist.

As well as being an outstanding performer, Enyi is a talented composer and has written the scores for several Spanish musical events such as El Merengue se llena de bolero 2006, recorded live in the D.R., Premios ACE at Lincoln Center in 2000, Festival Metropolitano de la Canción at the Manhattan Center in 1995, and the International Festival de la Canción OTIS in 1990. He has performed in various prestigious halls in the U.S.: Segundo Festival del Merengue at Radio City Music Hall 1978, The White House in 1981 for Cuban independence day, and for 15 years he was a music therapist for all psychiatric hospitals in Hudson County NJ. In 2003 Enyi was the metropolitan area judge director of Gigantes del Mañana (a Univision voice contest). In 2006 he served as the musical director of "Tropicana," a replica of the most prestigious Cuban musical show in the 60's Ritz Theater in New Jersey.

Enyi has also performed and conducted many famous Latin singers and musicians such as Tito Puente, Celia Cruz, Johnny Pacheco, Ray Barreto, Cuco Valoy, Johnny Ventura, José José, Piero, Danny Daniel, Rocio Jurado, Los Panchos, Rolando la Serie, Roberto Ledesma, and Vicentico Valdez. Enyi holds a master's degree in music education.

On September 2009 Enyi-K performed at the grand opening of the Union City High School Art Center as the very first artist to perform at that location. On October 14 of 2010, Enyi-K was the musical director of "Homenaje a Fernando Villalona," Cuando Se Nace Ídolo, as part of the Dominican Rep. Superintendencia de Bancos 63rd anniversary celebration. Enyi produced and arranged all scores for most of greatest popular singers of the D.R.; the performance took place at El Teatro Nacional Sto. Dgo., Dominican Republic. Some of the singers were Eddy Herrera, Rafa Rosario, El Jeffrey, Brazoban, Miriam Cruz, Pablo Martínez, Tito Swing, Ruddy Pérez and "El Nino Mimado" Fernando Villalona.

In 2015 Enyi-K received the ACE award (Premios ACE), as the best musical arranger of the year. In 2016 master Enyi-K composed EVOLUTION SYMPHONY No1, recorded with maestros around the world capable to play classical and popular music. Evolution Symphony No1 is the first symphony in its genre; the composer unified Merengue, Latin music with

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classical music, especially from the period of classicism (XVIII); which Enyi used the variation technic used by the greater composers; Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and others. The Prague Philharmonic recorded the string session.

Evolution was based on Compadre Pedro Juan composed by Luis Alberti, a Dominican composer. Evolution was released on Dec. 11, 2016 together with the documentary "my musical Journey" which the composer put on video the path used to make this project a reality. In 2017 Enyi-k was honored by UNIVISION 41 NY as "Orgullo Dominicano" as part of the Dominican independency celebration, and a special story was published and televised nationally by Univision 41 about Evolution Symphony No1.

Enyi-K was nominated for a Soberano Award in Dominican Republic. This award shows nominates the best international Dominican Artist. Enyi-K was nominated for best International Orchestrator. This award nominates the best Orchestrators around the world and helps bring recognition to all the nominees.