



Prairie Debut brings Canada's finest musicians to Western Canada's smaller communities. In doing so, Prairie Debut contributes to community enrichment, audience growth and emerging artist development. Since our first tour in 1997, Prairie Debut has taken 125 artists on 46 tours to 65 communities throughout the Prairie Provinces and Yukon. With over 550 concerts we have reached more than 53,000 people. Our activities have an incredible impact on Western Canada's arts community.

Each year, emerging artists from across Canada apply to tour under the auspices of Prairie Debut. An independent artistic advisory panel selects the three artists/ensembles who will tour with Prairie Debut the following season. We then offer these selected artists to community presenters across the Prairies and Yukon.

Prairie Debut organizes the complete tour for the performers and works with both artists and communities to ensure a successful experience for all. Some of these details include contracting concerts, technical arrangements, travel logistics, stage appearance technique, program development and travel itineraries for the artists. For the communities, we support the local concert committees with marketing tools, communication strategies and concert materials. Complementing the public performances, Prairie Debut organizes school concerts, community music workshops and master classes in conjunction with local music teachers.

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Luis Mario Ochoa

Cuban Quartet



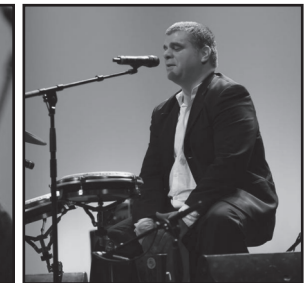
Luis Mario Ochoa, guitar/vocal



Hilario Durán, piano



Louis Simão, bass



Luis Orbegoso, percussion

Brandon MB
Wednesday, February 10/16
Brandon University School of Music's
Pro Series
Lorne Watson Recital Hall

Camrose AB
Friday, February 12/16
Camrose Perf. Arts Centre Management Council
Cargill Theatre-
Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre

Regina SK
Sunday, February 14/16
Regina Musical Club and
New Dance Horizons Co-presentation
Mackenzie Gallery

2015.16 Prairie Debut Season Presentation

Swift Current SK
Monday, February 15/16
Swift Current Allied Arts Council
Living Sky Casino, Sky Centre

Rosthern SK
Wednesday, February 17/16
Station Arts Centre
Station Arts Centre Theatre

High River AB
Friday, February 19/16
High River Gift of Music Society
High River United Church

Lacombe AB
Sunday, February 21/16
Burman University
Burman Administration Auditorium



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PRAIRIE DEBUT 2015.16

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LUIS MARIO OCHOA CUBAN QUARTET

*Song titles for this performance will be announced
by the artists from the stage.*

One of Canada's most exciting Cuban music ensembles, the **Luis Mario Ochoa Cuban Quartet** is renowned for virtuosity, incredible musicianship, tight ensemble playing and a powerhouse of energy. This acoustic group features music ranging from rumba to samba, bolero to waltz, son to cha and features Toronto's leading Cuban jazz and world musicians. Nominee of the 2007 Canadian Latin Jazz Artist of the Year Award, guitarist and lead vocalist Luis Mario Ochoa leads this ensemble noted by the press for their "fire, finesse and authenticity" (*JazzTimes.com*).

Performing regularly, the ensemble has made appearances at the Jazz Festivals of Montreal, Halifax, Markham, St. John's Vancouver, Victoria, Oshawa, the Toronto Beaches, Elora and Huntsville Festival of the Arts. They have also made appearances on Mount Allison University's Performing Arts Series at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford ON, Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre, and at the Charles Bailey Theatre in BC to name a few. International highlights include the Barbados Jazz Festival and Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club in New York among others. The group has tour throughout BC and ON. In 2008, the ensemble released their CD, *Momentos Cubanos* featuring original and classic Latin American songs. The popular CD reached the # 2 spot on the world music charts at *Earshot Canada!*

Born in Havana, Cuba, **Luis Mario Ochoa** settled in Toronto, ON in the early 1990's. Having studied at some of Havana's most renowned conservatories and graduating with an honours B.A. in classical guitar from the University of Havana's Institute Superior of Arts (ISA), Luis never abandoned his roots in traditional Cuban music and aspired to expand the genre in Canada. Mr. Ochoa first formed his band Cimarrón, with whom he recorded three critically acclaimed albums. Numerous songs from these recordings have been featured in film and television including the TV series, *Trader and The Associates*, the US production, *Brave New Girl*, and Canadian production, *Bailey's Billions*. The ensemble's third, self-titled CD, *Cimarrón*, includes an all-star cast as well as special guests: Paquito D'Rivera, Guido Basso and Luis' father, Luis Ochoa Sr. Luis continues to collaborate with many of the world's best Latin musicians and has been on faculty at Humber College in Toronto.

Hilario Durán is ranked among the greats, as one of the most important contemporary Cuban pianists, arrangers and composers today. Born in Havana, Cuba, Hilario has learned and collaborated with many great musicians. Nicknamed "Con Tumbao" for his creative use of the tumbao repetitive bass figures, he has toured throughout Latin America and Europe and continues to perform on concert stages and in festivals all around the world. Leader of his own Latin Jazz Big Band, the group was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Latin Jazz Album in 2007 for "From the Heart", featuring Paquito D'Rivera. Hilario is the recipient of 3 Juno Awards and over a dozen National Jazz Awards as well as the prestigious Chico O'Farrill Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bassist **Louis Simão** has been performing and recording as a multi-instrumentalist in Canada, the U.S. and Europe for over a decade and his love for music allows him to move freely through genres. Mr. Simão's diverse and highly sought after skills have afforded him the opportunity to perform and record with talented artists such as, Nelly Furtado, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Eliana Cuevas, Michael Occipinti, The Clayton/Scott Group, Fourteen Remembered, and Fritz McIntyre of Simply Red. Louis has studied jazz piano and acoustic bass in his home town at York University, and abroad with bossa nova guitarist Alfredo Machado at Escola de Música Vila Lobos in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He has also been to Santiago, Cuba, Essaouira and Marrakesh, Morocco, and Lisbon, to study the local music.

Percussionist **Luis Orbegoso** ("Luisito") was born in Lima, and moved to Canada in 1972. An honoured graduate of the Humber College music program, Luisito has performed and/or recorded with Alex Cuba, Dominicanada, Jerry Gonzalez, Hilton Ruiz, Oscar de León, David Virelles, Jane Bunnett, Diego Marulanda & Pacande, Chucho Valdéz, Los Muñequitos de Matanzas, Changuito, Giovanni Hidalgo, Ralph Irrizarry, The Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Nelly Furtado, Kenwood Dennard, Stevie Wonder, Alfredo de la Fe, Cheo Andujar, Jimmy Bosch, Horacio Hernandez, Mark Quiñones, of course, Luis and Hilario and far too many more to list. Mr. Orbegoso directs three bands in Toronto. He leads Moda Eterna, SalsAfrica is an African-salsa fusion project and the Lula All Stars Band which gathers the best composers and musicians of the salsa genre in Toronto. He is endorsed by Tycoon Percussion.