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ARTIST OF THE MONTH:
EDDIE PALMIERI



Born in Spanish Harlem of New York city in 1936 to Puerto Rican parents, Eddie Palmieri's 50-year musical career has earned him nine Grammys and countless accolades and is idolised by many throughout the worldwide salsa and Latin jazz community.

Eddie's greatest musical influence was his older brother, Charlie Palmieri (1927-1988), who began playing the piano at age seven, studied at the Julliard School of Music, and turned pro at 16. Eddie began his piano studies at age 8, but when big brother got married, continued his studies with his teacher, Margaret Bonds, a concert pianist and instructor at Carnegie Recital Halls. Eddie played at Carnegie at the tender age of 12...until he decided he wanted to play the timbales instead. He joined his uncle Chino Quiets' orchestra, the "Tropical Soul Band".

At 15, he decided timbales were no longer for him, and went back to the piano. His brother began to recommend him to different orchestras, the first of which was Eddie Forestier's Orchestra, which marked the beginning of his professional music career, in the early 1950's.

On his own, he was best known best known for combining jazz piano and instrumental solos with Latin rhythms. Palmieri floated around to different orchestras until forming his own, the legendary "Conjunto La Perfecta" in 1961. Says Palmieri, "we could destroy any band on the scene from 1962 to 1968". "La Perfecta"s unique (and accidental) sound came from its trombone section (in place of trumpets), rarely seen in Latin music of the day. Known as the band with the "crazy roaring elephants", "La Perfecta" was unconventional but "infectious and soaring".

Between 1975 and 2007, Eddie Palmieri's numerous awards and honours include appointment as a fellow of Yale University in 2002 and an honorary Doctorate from the Berklee College of Music in 1998. He was also instrumental in creating a new category for Latin Jazz for the Grammys (National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences) in

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Sabor Represents: Bermuda's Own "Dancing With The Stars"

On Saturday, March 1st, six Sabor instructors, paired with six local persons, performed at the Bermuda Sabor Foundation's Dancing With The Stars. After six weeks of intense practice, they showcased their stuff on stage with a variety of dances: Cha-cha, Rumba, Merengue, and Salsa.

A big congratulations goes to Dame Jennifer Smith and Travis Gilbert for their interpretation of the Argentine Tango. Keep your eye on both print and broadcast for this weekend's dance extravaganza.

The Bermuda Sun (Friday, February 22, 2008)

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Congrats to All Beginners!

Friday's Beginners' Night at Veranda Bar proved to be a success with new and old veterans. Congratulations to all beginners for progressing to the next level on Friday night. We hope to see you on the floor again soon.

"Dance like nobody's watching"

Sabor Dance School in Cuba?

With the help of our sponsor, Infinity Travel, the Sabor Dance School is coming to Bermuda in August 21 - 31, 2008, approximately. But first we need to get an idea of the cost of air travel, accomodations, and excursions.

If you are interested in touring one of the salsa capitals of the world, please put "Trip to Cuba" in the subject line of your email.

Win a Trip to New York City!

From January 7th, 2008, everyone who joins the Bermudasalsa.com email list will be eligible to win a trip to New York City, courtesy of Infinity Travel. Just go to <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=cfuaricab.0.0.ti8gvhcab.0&ts=S0325&p=http%3A%2F%2Fbermudasalsa.com> and enter your email address. The draw will take place during August Mambo.

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