

# *Pianist Roberto Fonseca in concert online*

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Cuban jazz pianist Roberto Fonseca gave a concert online Tuesday, broadcast on Canal Clave TV channel, the frequencies of Radio Progreso, and streamed on the YouTube channel of the Cuban Ministry of Culture and a network of more than 100 Facebook pages.

Pianist, composer, and Artistic Director for Cuba's Jazz Plaza Santiago Festival, Roberto Fonseca has toured the world's most prestigious venues.

An artist of prowess and ideas, a musician with a questing jazz sensibility and deep roots in the Afro Cuban tradition, the Havana-born pianist released his ninth solo album, *Yesun*, in the Fall of 2019.

His music is a combination of everything from jazz and classical music to rap, funk, reggaeton and electronica. This is why, experts say Fonseca rips up the rule book, as he celebrates the rich musical traditions of the island's past, with a vision of where Cuban music is headed in the future, entwining folkloric and modern sounds.

Tuesday's concert was as part of the initiative #EstamosContigo #MúsicosPorCuba, launched by the Cuban Ministry of Culture, the Cuban Music Institute and the country's Radio and Television Institute, aimed at bringing culture, particularly good Cuban music to family homes on the island and abroad in times of Covid-19, when people are being asked to observe physical distancing and other movement

restriction rules to stop the spread of the disease, which has already sickened more than 11 million people and claimed over half million lives worldwide.

The Communications Office of the Cuban Music Institute announced that a new concert online this coming Friday by jazz maestro Bobby Carcassés, National Music Prize laureate in 2012 and acclaimed saxophonist César López.

The online concerts campaign, launched in March, have the support of La Rueda Films and RTV Comercial. Renowned artists, exponents of the most diverse Cuban rhythms have joined the initiative, delighting Cuban music lovers on the island as well as abroad.

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