

The Pedrito Martinez Group

Pedrito Martinez Percussion, Lead Vocals Jhair Sala Percussion, Background Vocals Sebastian Natal Bass, Background Vocals Edgar Pantoja-Aleman Piano, Background Vocals

> **PROGRAM** There will be no intermission.

Saturday, March 24 @ 8 PM

Harold Prince Theatre



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Pedrito Martinez

Grammy[®]-nominated Pedro Pablo "Pedrito" Martinez was born in Havana, Cuba on Sep 12, 1973. Since settling in New York City in the fall of 1998, Martinez has recorded or performed with Wynton Marsalis, Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen and Sting, and has contributed to over 50 albums.

Martinez was a founding member of the highly successful Afro-Cuban/Afro-Beat band Yerba Buena. He has received the Thelonius Monk Award and Sphinx Award for Excellence, and been named "Percussionist of the Year" by the Jazz Journalists Association every year from 2014-2017.

The Pedrito Martinez Group's first album (on Motema Music) was nominated for a Grammy® Award, and was chosen among NPR's Favorite Albums of 2013 and *The Boston Globe* Critics Top Ten Albums of 2013.

Habana Dreams (Motema Music), their second album, was #1 Latin Jazz Album in the NPR Critics Top Jazz Albums for 2016. "the thrill of real Cuban rumba transformed into something as hip and irresistible as great pop" (*Wall Street Journal*).

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