

ABOUT BROWNMAN

Trinidadian-born, NYC-schooled & heralded as "Canada's preeminent Jazz trumpeter" by NYC's Village Voice, multi-award winning trumpet player **Browman Ali** stands at the forefront of innovation in the Canadian jazz community. A protégé to his teacher, Grammy-winning trumpet legend, Randy Brecker, he tirelessly leads 8 unique ensembles of his own including the internationally acclaimed Miles Davis



influenced [BROWNMAN ELECTRYC TRIO](#), and the award-winning [CRUZAO](#) latin-jazz quintet. In 2009 he launched his own record label: Browntasaurus Records, which saw the Electryc Trio's flagship release "Juggernaut" shoot to number 3 on the iTunes USA jazz charts. The label is now a home to all his ensembles.



In high demand in the studio world with over 300 CD appearances to date, Brownman delivers stylistically authentic horn playing over a wide range of styles from bebop to hiphop having recorded or toured with the likes of Guru's Jazzmatazz (replacing Donald Byrd in that primordial ensemble), Mos Def, KRS-1, Jay-z, Quincy Jones, Paul Simon, Mingus Dynasty Big Band, Gary Bartz, John

Scofield, Wayne Shorter, Chucho Valdes & far too many more to name here.

Browman is nationally recognized as one of the most unique and provocative improvising trumpet players in the nation and is widely regarded as a vanguard for the evolution of Jazz in Canada.

A highly decorated artist, his accolades include 2 National Jazz Awards (11 nominations over the years), a CBC Galaxie Rising Star award, a SOCAN composers award, Montreal Jazz Fest's "Grand Prix Du Jazz" award, 5 Toronto Independent Music Awards (16 nominations), an International Independent Music Award, 6 Global Music Awards, an induction into the [WHO'S WHO IN BLACK CANADA](#), a [BRAVO! channel documentary](#) on his life, NOW magazine naming him "Toronto's Best Jazz Musician", CBC Radio Canada named him "one of the most recorded trumpet players in Canadian history", the Trinidad & Tobago Consulate General awarded him with a citation for being a "Distinguished National of Trinidad", and was once listed by Air Canada as one of the "Top 10 reasons to visit Toronto".

AS A LEADER :

Brownman currently leads and composes actively for 8 groups of his own, all of which have garnered critical acclaim in their own diverse idioms:

CRUZAO (assembled in quintet & trio permutations)

– Highly acclaimed multiple award-winning latin-jazz-urbania quintet

CRUZAO GRUPO MONSTRUOSO

– 15-man latin-jazz-urban orchestra permutation of CRUZAO

GRUVASYLUM

– Hip-hop, drum'n'bass and breakbeats... with a jazz ideology

BROWNMEN ELECTRYC TRIO

– Electrified award-winning trio in the spirit of Miles Davis' electric years

BROWNMEN ACOUSTIC TRIO / QUARTET / QUINTET

– Mainstream hard-swinging NYC-style jazz

MARRÓN MATIZADO

– 11-man highly energized Salsa powerhouse, fusing modern salsa & jazz

ARECIBO

-- Modern deeply exploratory latin-jazz quartet in the spirit of Jerry Gonzalez's Fort Apache Band

ALI BROS

– Energized groove feat. Brownman & Marcus Ali, delivering blistering funk in the spirit of the Brecker Bros.



AWARDS & ACCOLADES :

2018 Brownman - USA Song Writing Competition Semi-Finalist - "Madness Of Nero"

2018 Nick Maclean Quartet - Global Music Award winner - **3 Gold Medals**

2017 Brownman - International Song Writing Competition Semi-Finalist - "Madness Of Nero"

2017 Brownman - Caribbean Music Award nominee - "**Jazz Artist Of The Year**"

2017 Snaggle - International Independent Music Award nominee - "**Funk/Jam/Fusion Album of the Year**"

2017 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award winner - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2016 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award winner - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2016 Snaggle - Global Music Award winner - **3 Gold Medals**

2015 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award winner - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2015 Brownman Electryc Trio - International Independent Music Award winner - "**Funk/Jam/Fusion Album of the Year**"

2015 Black Canadian Award nominee "**Jazz Artist Of The Year**"

2013 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award nominee - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2012 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award winner - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2012 Citation from the Trinidad High Commission for being a "Distinguished National of Trinidad"

2012 Brownman Electryc Trio named "**2012 Group To Watch**" by Resonancity magazine

2011 Brownman inducted into the "**WHO'S WHO IN BLACK CANADA**" National directory

2010 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award nominee - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2010 Brownman Electryc Trio - Artvoice Magazine nominee for "**Jazz Act of the Year**"

2009 Brownman - named "**favorite touring soloist**" (w/ Jazzmatazz) by London, UK's Jazz After Dark

2008 Brownman Electryc Trio - Independent Music Award nominee - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2008 Brownman Electryc Trio - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Electric Jazz Group of the Year**"

2007 Brownman - NOW Magazine's "**Toronto Jazz Trumpet Player of the Year**"

2007 Brownman Electryc Trio - National Jazz Award winner - "**Electric Jazz Group of the Year**"

2007 Brownman - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Musician of the Year**"

2007 Brownman - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Latin-jazz artist of the Year**"

2007 Brownman - SOCAN National Jazz Award nominee - "**Composer of the Year**"

2007 Brownman - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Instrumentalist of the Year**" (flugelhorn)

2006 Brownman - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Latin-jazz artist of the Year**"

2005 Brownman - NOW Magazine's "**Toronto Jazz Artist of the Year**".

2004 Brownman & CRUZAO - Independent Music Award nominee - "**Jazz Group of the Year**"

2003 MARRON MATIZADO - "**Best Toronto Salsa Band**" (SalsaSPOT)

2002 Brownman - National Jazz Award winner - "**Jazz Composer of the Year**"

2002 Brownman - National Jazz Award nominee - "**Jazz Trumpet Player of the Year**"

2001 Brownman & CRUZAO - winner of the Montreal Jazz Fest's "**Grand Prix Du Jazz Award**"

2001 Brownman & CRUZAO - winner of the CBC Galaxie "**Rising Star Award**"

Brownman - 3 time nominee for "**Jazz Trumpet Player of the Year**" (NJA).

Brownman & CRUZAO - 4 time nominee for "**Electric Group of the Year**" (NJA)



