

Michael Rodriguez Biography

Grammy Award-Winning Trumpeter/Composer Michael Rodriguez was born on July 14, 1979 in Queens, New York. Michael was inspired to pursue music as a career by his father, drummer Roberto Rodriguez. Michael first studied at the New World School of the Arts in Miami, Florida, continuing his studies at the University of Miami. After completing two years at the University of Miami, he decided to transfer to the New School University in New York City, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Michael has since performed and toured with Clark Terry, Bobby Watson, Quincy Jones, Joe Lovano, the Toshiko Akiyoshi Orchestra, pop-icon Jessica Simpson, the Chico O'Farrill Orchestra, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra, the Lincoln Center Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra, Jon Faddis and the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, the Carla Bley Band and Quintet, the Clayton Brothers Quintet, Kenny Barron's Quintet, Conrad Herwig's Latin Side Projects, Harry Connick, Jr., Bob Mintzer, the Yosvany Terry Quintet, the Eddie Palmieri Septet, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, and the Smithsonian Jazz Orchestra, among many others.

In December of 2003, Michael recorded on Charlie Haden's Grammy Award-Winning album featuring Gonzalo Rubalcaba and Joe Lovano entitled *Land of the Sun*. Michael has also recorded on two of Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra's albums entitled *Not in Our Name* and *Time/Life*. In 2019, Michael joined Chick Corea's Spanish Heart Band, which won a 2020 Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album for their recording entitled *Antidote*.

Michael and his brother, pianist Robert Rodriguez, have recorded four albums together: *Introducing the Rodriguez Brothers*, *Conversations*, *Mood Swing* and *Impromptu*, which was nominated for a Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album in 2016. In 2013, he released his debut album entitled *Reverence* for the Criss Cross label, and will release his second album in March of 2021, under the RodBrosMusic label, entitled *Pathways*.

Michael is currently on the faculty of New York University and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as an adjunct Professor of Trumpet, and travels the globe as a clinician.