

Cuban troubadour Ireno García passes away in Havana at 68



Havana, August 28 (RHC)-- Cuban troubadour Ireno García has passed away in Havana at the age of 68.

Ireno García was born in Havana City on September 24, 1954. He was one of those troubadours with a magnificent work that has lasted for several decades, for his sensitivity and that legendary fervor with which he sang to life, to everyday life and to the small offerings of love. A minstrel who sustained a very solid and credible work, with a power of conviction recognized in the field of singer-songwriters and among his followers.

He shared stages, recorded and collaborated with most of the exponents of song and trova in Cuba: Silvio Rodríguez, Carlos Varela, Marta Campos, Santiago Feliú and Polito Ibáñez, among many others.

As a composer, he created, together with Mike Porcell, the anthem for the World Festival of Youth and Students held in Cuba. In the eighties, he participated in a program that promoted young composers, where Silvio Rodríguez defended his piece "Canción para recordar a María" and where he received an award.

Owner of a solid repertoire with profoundly beautiful songs, in which stories of great human depth such as Querencias, Peticiones, Lejanía, A la deriva, La rueda de la suerte, Fábula de mayo, La fuente, Ahora, María Fernanda, Baladas de fin de marzo and the popular Andar La Habana, were the delight of the Cuban public.

The Pablo de la Torriente Brau Cultural Center was one of the most beloved refuges for this Havana troubadour, which allowed him to perform in venues such as "A guitarra limpia" and record albums full of memorable songs, together with downloads, along with actress Coralía Veloz.

"The work of this troubadour represents an excellent sample of talent and sensitivity".

He was a member of the UNEAC and for his merits he received the Distinction for National Culture, the Alejo Carpentier Medal and the Alejo Carpentier Medal and the 50th Anniversary Coin of the Foundation of the Nueva Trova.

The Cuban Institute of Music, along with Radio Havana Cuba, sends its deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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