



Tony Ayala

Percussionist, (Conguero)

Born with a passion for percussion and Latin music, Tony Ayala started his professional carrier at an early age, as the conguero for Rafy Castro y Su Orquesta in the 80's—which evolved into the award winning Salsa Syndicate. Thereafter he joined Claudio y la Orquesta making his directorial debut with Salsa Power.

In the 90's, Tony got involved in a new genre of music...Pop Rock with award winners Sister Moon whom he made a music video with, recorded and toured. Also during this time, he had the privilege of working with local and international sensations- LaChazz Jazz Ensemble, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra., The Love Monkeys, Punto de Vista and Bahia.

He has shared the stage with internationally known artists such as Eddie Santiago, Anthony Cruz, Papo Rivera, Edwin Cepeda, Edwin Sanchez and Kid Rock's drummer Stephanie Wildenburg. His repertoire includes recordings with Del Bennet, the Bystanders, Alaria Taylor, Barbara Stephan, Johnny Padilla and Keith Pulvermacher.

Recently, Tony's love for music and eclectic experiences gave rise to his first original salsa band and whammy award winner- Nabori with whom he produced and recorded.

At this time he is eagerly working on his newest project with a unique twist in salsa called D'Calte Son.

