

Tony Cofresi

Tony Cofresi was born in the Bronx on November 22, 1940 to Amparo Lopez and Antonio Cofresi of Cabo Rojo Puerto Rico. He grew up on Whales Avenue. During those times the neighborhood predominantly was Italian and Irish. Tony wanted to be a cowboy as a child. He would frequently rope lasso kids as they rode by on their bikes. Cofresi was sent to church to stay out of trouble and that's where started playing trumpet, at 12 yrs of age. He started playing classical music. He was in love with trumpet ever since.

Tony was married 4 times. He had 6 kids. 3 girls 3 boys. He played trumpet in high school. Dropped out joined the Marines in the fifties and was honorably discharged. Soon after Tony was picked up Tito Rogriguez, and also played with Silvester, Paquito Guzman, Machito and countless others. His son Robin informed us that Tony really spoke frequently of Machito and really loved him as a person. That's around the time he met Robin's mom. She was the person that did the performers hair and stage make up.

Tony, after being married 3 times settled down with Robin's mom. He eventually stayed local in the Bronx, playing the trumpet and obtained a masters degree in music from Lehman college in the bronx.

Cofresi's trumpet instructor was Carmine Caruso as an adult. Tony frequently would go play in Harlem, American jazz. He really loved that in the 90s, especially because Dizzy Gillespie was there sometimes.

Tony was one of the nicest guys you could ever meet and was always supportive personally and musically. I will miss you, Tony.

videos:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9U-rRrljz0M&autoplay=1>

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<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pjYIczc5N3I>

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Year

Album/Artist/Credit

2007

Con un Combo Tipico Vitín Avíles Trumpet

2007

Sabor Criollo: Serie Platino Ray Martinez Trumpet

1999

Untouchable Tito Allen

Trumpet

1998

Sabroso: The Afro-Latin Groove Trumpet

1996

Nu Yorica! Culture Clash in New York City Trumpet

1995

Adalberto Santiago Featuring Popeye El Marino

Adalberto Santiago Trumpet

1995

Amor, Vida y Sentimiento Ismael Quintana Trumpet

1995

Maldades Tito Allen Trumpet

1994

El Dulce Aroma Del Exito Larry Harlow Trumpet

1993

La Responsabilidad Fausto Rey Trumpet

1991

Caliente Y Explosivo Marvin Santiago Trumpet

1983

1983 Grammy Award Winner Machito & His Salsa Big

Band Trumpet

1982

Live at North Sea '82 Machito Trumpet

1982

Machito and His Salsa Big Band 1982 Machito Trumpet

1982

Yo Soy Latino Larry Harlow Trumpet

1979

Solo Willie Colón Trumpet

1978

A Todo Mis Amigos Celia Cruz Trumpet

1978

El Albino Divino Larry Harlow Trumpet

1978

Gracias Ray Barretto Trumpet

1978

Rumbambola Orchestra Harlow Trumpet

1977

Fire Works Machito Trumpet

1976

Union Dinamica Kako Trumpet

1973

Tito Puente and His Concert Orchestra Tito Puente
Trumpet

Source : Tony's biography was provided by his son,
Robin.