Cuban Musician Chucho Valdes to Be Honored at La Musa Awards

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Cuban musician Jesus "Chucho" Valdes will be honored on Thursday at the 6th edition of the annual La Musa Award due to his career and contributions to that event throughout his 50-year career.

The awards, presented by Spotify and directed by American Broadway producer Richard Jay-Alexander, highlight the development of Latin music and the global association of composers who, as Valdes, contribute so much to contemporary music.

The renowned pianist will also receive the Latin Grammy Award for Musical Excellence 2018 during a gala on November 13 in Las Vegas, the United States.

The Latin Recording Academy announced both recognitions in which Valdés' outstanding artistic career, his unique vision and contributions in favor of Latin music are praised.

According to the president of that institution, Gabriel Abaroa Jr., recognizing the talent of artists who have exceptionally contributed to this artistic expression in Ibero-America during 2018 is a pride.

The Cuban jazz musician has become a world artist, crossing the borders of the Cuban music through his compositions, and with an authentic mix of Afro-Cuban rhythms and roots, he said.