

Ka.Rú

Biography [English]

Edwin Abel Ramirez is a multi-talented artist, composer, and songwriter known as “KaRu”. Born in the Dominican Republic, Edwin and his family immigrated to the United States when he was 13 years old.

His love for music began at the tender age of 8 and by 9 Edwin was performing at talent shows gaining talent recognition and on-stage experience. He learned not only to be a songwriter, but to also play the keyboard, guitar, and percussion.

After graduating high school, he joined New York based popular merengue group, “Oro Solido.” During Edwin’s 5 year run with the band, he recorded and performed hits like, “Las Mujeres”, “Las Locas”, “Me Tiene Amarrao”, and “Pa’ Que Bebas”, to name a few. His dream and desire was to start his own band. In 1997, he decided it was time to part ways from the group to pursue his dream.

Splitting from Oro Solido to form KaRu did not come without trials and tribulations. Edwin followed his philosophy of life, “Sometimes in life one is confronted with tough situations; it is all about how you react to it. I chose to use it as guide to success.”

Edwin’s songwriting skill has garnered him several awards for songs such as, “No Es Lo Mismo,” “Solo Mia,” and “Esta Pegao.” Aside from being a solo artist, he has also written, produced, and co-written various projects including his own production of the up and coming merengue album from “KaRu”. Other songwriting credits include written work for not just Karu, but also Fuera De Ley, Magic Juan, Colombo, Adelante, Lina Morelli, Oro Blanco, Zombra and many more.

Having studied sound engineering at the institute of Audio Research in New York City landed him the opportunity to be an assistant engineer on En Vogue's Mucho Soul Radio Mix for the song Whatever written by Babyface and Franco Giuliano. Edwin has also worked as an assistant engineer for several songs for the highly acclaimed Merengue Hip Hop group Proyecto Uno’s current album.

As a singer Edwin has served as background vocalist for: Sancocho, July July, Oro Solido, Cuerpo y Alma, Adelante (a band originated in Jamaica), Proyecto Uno, Oro Blanco, Zombra, Magic Juan's solo album and his own project Karu.

His production skills are featured with the following artists and their albums: Flia The Album, Magic Juan’s “La Prueba” and “Inevitable,” Fuera De Ley, Adelante, Colombo, Up and coming artist Lina Morelli, Pablo Alejandro, Doble Filo, Zombra and Karu.

Edwin has performed with high caliber artists such as Marc Anthony, Elvis Crespo, Fernando Allalona, DLG, Raulin Rosendo, Toño Rosario, Tito Rojas, Tito Nieves, Frankie Negron, and La Banda Gore.

With great aspirations and a set goal, this talented ray of light is ready to shine as he presents his own and uplifting sounds of “KaRu”!

