



## LARRY DUNN

RECORDING ARTIST, SONGWRITER  
CLASS OF 1971

With an old upright piano and beat up guitar, Lorenzo "Larry" Dunn immersed himself in soul and jazz music as a kid in Denver -- performing on stage by age 11. East band teacher Vincent Tagliavere mentored the young prodigy, while Larry seriously took up keyboards and mastered the Hammond organ in the auditorium. At age 15 Dunn was playing professional jazz and R&B keyboards in local over-21 nightclubs.

Dunn's break came when Philip Bailey (Class of 1969) and Maurice White recruited him to Earth, Wind & Fire (EWF). With his funky keyboard playing, Larry helped transform EWF into one of the all-time most successful R&B bands in the world. Songs like "Shining Star," "Spirit," and "Renaissance" all bore Dunn's signature sound. As Musical Director, he managed rehearsals and creative fine-tuning behind the scenes. During his time with EWF from 1971-1983, the band won 6 Grammy awards, 32 Gold & Platinum/Multi-Platinum Records and Albums, and sold more than 100 million albums worldwide.

Larry has produced and recorded with more than 70 artists. He left EWF in 1983 to focus on music production, and with his wife Luisa formed Source Productions. They have created music for Japanese TV as well numerous albums. Dunn is an inductee into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. In 2016, Dunn and EWF won the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Grammy for contributions of outstanding artistic significance to the field of recording.

"I want to reach as many people as possible  
through music and love."

— Larry Dunn

