

## **Short Bio**

**José Luis Hernández-Estrada** is on a dynamic career path that combines music performance and cultural leadership. An accomplished pianist and conductor, he received professional degrees from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, the *Conservatori del Liceu* in Barcelona, and the University of Texas Pan-American. A conducting fellow at Bard College Conservatory of Music and frequent collaborator with esteemed artistic organizations, he has worked with professional orchestras in Mexico and also with numerous El Sistema-inspired ensembles including the *Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil Carlos Chavez* (Mexico's flagship youth orchestra) and the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Youth Orchestra LA. An international soloist and chamber musician, he has performed throughout Europe and appeared at the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series in Chicago; with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra under conductor Ian Hobson; and at the Fiesta Iberoamericana de las Artes in Puerto Rico. A passionate teaching artist, Hernández-Estrada has also served as a faculty member of the Austin Chamber Music Center and the Van Cliburn Foundation. The founder of one of Mexico's largest and most successful El Sistema-inspired youth orchestra programs, his educational initiatives have continually inspired a multitude of young people and have brought about meaningful social transformations in a wide variety of communities.

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