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guitarist/composer/arranger/educator

EDUCATION

Manhattan School of Music NYC

Master of Music in Jazz Guitar 2009

City College of New York

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music 2004

summa cum laude

COMPOSITION

Performing Ensembles

Coba

Director, sole composer. Songwriting project inspired in Colombian traditional rhythms

Sebastian Cruz and The Cheap Landscape Trio

Director, sole composer. Instrumental project integrating elements of rock, jazz improvisation, minimalism and Colombian traditional music.

Lucia Pulido Ensemble

Musical Director, arranger, composer. Ensemble of renowned Colombian singer Lucia Pulido.

La Cumbiamba Eneyé

Arranger, composer. Traditional Colombian music ten-piece ensemble

Theater

Kern, Jon. *The Executioner*. Dir. Pedro Salazar. Columbia University

Dudley, Anton. *The Flight of Kings*. Dir. Javier Gutiérrez. Baryshnikov Arts Center

Akutagawa, Ryunosuke. *Rashomon*. Dir. Javier Gutiérrez. Adapted from film by Javier Gutiérrez

Feature length Film

Buscando a Miguel. Dir. Juan Fischer. Perf. Juan Sebastián Aragón, Luis Fernando Bohórquez, and Marcela Carvajal. 2007

Documentaries and Shorts

Legally Blind. Dir. Ingrid Rojas. PBS

Pack, Strap, Swallow. Dir. Holly Page Joyner. Sundance Channel

COMPOSITION AWARDS

Meet The Composer's Van Lier Fellowship 2010

ASCAP Louis Dreyfus Warner/Chappell for a song for theater 2002

PERFORMANCES SELECTED

Musical director and guitarist

Lucia Pulido's ensemble

Konzerthaus, Mozart-Saal Vienna, Austria

Rudolstadt Festival Rudolstadt, Germany

A-Trane Jazz Club Berlin, Germany

Jazz al Parque Festival Bogota, Colombia

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La Cumbiamba eNeYé

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

Central Park Summer Stage NYC

Symphony Space NYC

Band leader, composer and guitarist

Coba

CultureFest Battery Park, NYC

BAM Cafe (Brooklyn Academy of Music) NYC

Sebastián Cruz and the Cheap Landscape Trio

Highline Ballroom NYC

Japanese American National Museum Los Angeles, CA

Jazz al Parque Festival Bogotá, Colombia

DISCOGRAPHY SELECTED

Pulido, Lucía. *Por Esos Caminos*. Ojo Música, 2011

La Cumbiamba eNeYé. *La Palma*. MTM, 2009

Sebastián Cruz and The Cheap Landscape Trio. *Sebastián Cruz and The Cheap Landscape Trio*. Independent, 2008

Pulido, Lucía. *Luna Menguante*. Adventure Music, 2008

Coba. *Canción Mandala*. Chonta Records, 2006

La Cumbiamba eNeYé. *Marioneta*. Chonta Records, 2006

Pulido, Lucía. *Dolor de Ausencia*. FM records, 2005

Coba. *Coba*. Independent, 2003

TEACHING

Brooklyn Guitar School

Private Guitar Instructor January 2010-present

- Teach group classes following several curriculums including Absolute Guitar Beginners, Kids Rock Class, Lead Guitar and Near Guitar Beginners
- Create and teach lesson plans for different group classes including Absolute Bass Beginners
- Teach private lessons in guitar and bass

Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music (Tamil Nadu, South India)

Guitar Faculty February 2012-April 2012

- Develop guitar curriculum for, and teach three separate guitar Labs
- Create curriculum and teach a Composition and Arrangement class
- Lead four separate ensembles during the term
- Design and teach elective course The Music of Colombia
- Teach private lessons to the seventeen students enrolled as Guitar students

Columbia University NYC

Music Associate Spring 2009, Spring 2011

- Instruct group of undergraduate and graduate musicians to perform Colombian music on both standard and traditional Colombian musical instruments
- Direct the Latin, Colombian music ensemble
- Arrange several pieces of Colombian music specifically for the class of thirteen students
- Conducted performance of traditional Colombian music