

Jose Leonardo Leon, D.M.A

Trombone artist & clinician, music entrepreneur, and educator, Dr. Jose Leonardo Leon is one of the leading trombonists of our generation having garnered both the [Global Music Awards® Silver Medal](#) and [Latin GRAMMY®](#) Winning Albums trombonist. Furthermore, Dr. Leon is a [Warwick Music®](#) Published Arranger and Composer.

As one of South Florida's most active and proficient trombonists possessing equal mastery on both bass and tenor trombones, Dr. Leon has worked with reputable professional music organizations such as the Florida Grand Opera, the Miami Symphony Orchestra, the Bilbao Symphony Orchestra (Spain), the Orquesta Filarmonica UNAM (Mexico City), the Jalisco Philharmonic (Mexico), and the New World Symphony (Miami). Dr. Leon has performed as a first-call trombonist for acclaimed artists such as Andrea Bocelli, The Manhattan Transfer, Wicked and Frozen super star Idina Menzel, Arturo Sandoval, Wycliffe Gordon, Bob Mintzer, Paquito D' Rivera, Eddie Daniels, Dr. Ed Calle, David Foster, and the Kravis Center Pops Orchestra, just to name a few.

In August 2018, Dr. Leon released his first album entitled, "Journey", utilizing his bass trombone as both a solo and chamber instrument, and the album was awarded the 2018 Global Music® Award Outstanding Achievement medal for Instrumentalist and Original Compositions by American (U.S.A.) and Latin American composers.

Some of Dr. Leon's international festivals and conference performances include residencies at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville (AK), the University of Costa Rica School of the Arts (San Jose de Costa Rica), the Alabama Bandmasters Association Low Brass Day (Tuscaloosa County), the URUBRASS Summit in Montevideo (Uruguay), the International Trombone Festival in Valencia (Spain), the International Trombone Week at the Universities of Oaxaca and Aguascalientes on 2012 and 2013 (Mexico), the Jazz Education Network Conference, and the Carlos Chavez National Youth Orchestra's Academic Week in Mexico. While residing in Venezuela, Dr. Leon's performed with Simon Bolivar's Symphony Orchestras of Venezuela, also known known as "El Sistema".

Currently, Dr. Leon performs with the Florida Grand Opera and the Palm Beach Symphony as bass trombonist, the Ft. Lauderdale's Premier Orchestra the Symphony of the Americas as the utility tenor and bass trombonist, and the Miami-based Raices Jazz Ensemble with two albums released in digital distribution sites and is also the first-call recording session trombonist for the Unity Record Label, which lead by two-time Latin GRAMMY® Winning Producer, Tony Succar.

Academically, Dr. Leon received his Bachelor of Music (B.M.) at Florida International University, a Master of Music (M.M.) at the University of Miami Frost School of Music with a joint-full scholarship from the Studio Music/Jazz department, and his Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.) in Performance and Pedagogy at the University of Colorado Boulder College of Music.

As an educator, Dr. Jose Leonardo Leon serves as the Applied Professor of Trombone at Florida Atlantic University Department of Music and the Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music, the Trombone Artist-in-Residence at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, and a Music History and Appreciation faculty at Broward College in Florida where he is eager to impart the most relevant and cutting-edge curriculum for aspiring creative young trombone players and potential entrepreneurs who wish to positively-enrich societies through the power of music!

[Dr. Jose Leonardo Leon is a Bach Brass & Conn-Selmer Centerstage Performing Artist and a Hammond Design Mouthpieces Artist in Residence](#)