



**Jose Leonardo Leon**

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Colorado Boulder College of Music</b>   | August 2018   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Doctor of Musical Arts in Brass Performance &amp; Pedagogy - Trombone</i></li><li>• <i>Professor: Dr. William Stanley</i></li></ul>   |               |
| <b>University of Miami Frost School of Music</b>   | 2009-2011     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Master of Music</i></li><li>• <i>Professor: Tim Conner</i></li></ul>  |               |
| <b>Florida International University</b>  | 2001-2005     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bachelor of Music</i></li><li>• <i>Professor: Mark Hetzler</i></li></ul>  |               |
| <b>Simon Bolivar Youth Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela "El Sistema"</b>  | 1987-1998     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Professors: Antoine Duhamel, Jose Romero, Joseph Pardall</i></li></ul>  |               |
| <b>Northwestern University</b>   | 2007 and 2008 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Summer Trombone Seminars</i></li><li>• <i>Professor: Charlie Vernon</i></li></ul>   |               |
| <b>Conservatorio Itinerante Fundacion Carlos &amp; Alegria Beracasa</b>  | 1996-1998     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Professors: Michel Becquet, Domingo Pagliuca</i></li></ul>  |               |
| <b>Florida Department of Education</b>   | 2005-2019     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Professional Teaching Certificate in Music K-12</i></li></ul>   |               |
| <b>Other Professional Development Courses</b>  | 2015-2018     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University of Colorado College of Music:<br/><i>Studies in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music</i><br/><i>Advanced Topics in the Music of Schubert</i><br/><i>Brass Music Literature</i><br/><i>Advanced Studies in Musicology</i><br/><i>Psychology of Music Learning</i><br/><i>Concert Jazz Ensemble Trombonist</i></li></ul> |               |

- University of Miami Frost School of Music: 2009-2011  
*Studies of Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Periods of Music*  
*Conducting Seminar*  
*Seminar in Instrumental Music Education*  
*Concert Jazz Band (CJB) Trombonist*

**NATIONALITY** USA - Venezuela

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY** English and Spanish

**ENDORSEMENTS** BACH BRASS & CONN-SELMER Performance Artist-Clinician

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Florida Atlantic University** Fall 2019 - Present

- *Adjunct Professor of Trombone*
- *Applied Trombone and Studio Class*

**Broward College** Fall 2019 - Present

- *Adjunct Faculty – Music*
- *Music History, Music Appreciation*

**Miami Beach Senior High School** Fall 2018-Present

- *Director of Bands*
- *Advanced Placement Music Theory*
- *Concert, Jazz, Beginning Bands, Orchestra, Chamber*

**University of Colorado Boulder College of Music** 2015-2018

- *Graduate Teaching Assistant*
- *Trombone – Low Brass Private Lessons*
- *Undergraduate Brass Chamber Coach*

**University of Colorado Summer Music Academy** Summers 2016-18

- *Counselor - Trombone Sectionals Instructor*
- *Brass Choir Instructor and Conductor*
- *Brass Quintet Instructor*
- *Band Assistant for Low Brass*

**University of Miami Frost School of Music** 2009-2011  
*Wind Department Teaching Assistant*

**Saint Andrews School Performing Arts of Boca Raton, FL** 2011-2013

- *Adjunct Faculty-Low Brass*
- *High School*
- *Middle School*
- *Lower School*

**Miami Dade County Public Schools** 2005-2009 and 2014-2015

- *Director of Bands, Music Teacher*

**Greater Miami Youth Symphony** 2006-2014

- *Brass Program Director*
- *Recruiter*
- *Symphony Brass Coach*
- *Chamber Brass Coach*
- *Pre-College Low Brass Studio Lessons*
- *Low Brass Ensemble*
- *Summer Camps Advanced Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band Director*

### **UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE POSITION CONSIDERATIONS**

**Southeastern University** May 2018

- *Assistant Professor of Low Brass (On Campus Finalist)*
- *Lakeland, FL*

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte** Feb 2018

- *Assistant Professor of Trombone (Semi-Finalist)*
- *Charlotte, NC*

**Murray State University** Jan 2018

- *Assistant Professor of Trombone (Semi-Finalist)*
- *Murray, KY*

**University of Wyoming** May 2016

- *Trombone Instructor, Music Faculty (On Campus Finalist)*
- *Laramie, WY*

### **GUEST FACULTY EXPERIENCE - UNIVERSITIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND CLINICS**

**Stetson University** March 2019

- *Guest Trombone Artist*
- *Trombone Studio Private Lessons*

**University of Arkansas Fayetteville** April 2018  
**Fine Arts Department of Music Residency**

- *Soloist Performance of Ian Dicke's O Bury Me Not with the Arkansas New Music Ensemble -Solo Recital*
- *Masterclass for the Trombone Studio (Undergrad and Grad)*
- *Private Lessons arranged by Hosts Dr. Cory Mixdorf and Dr. Benjamin Lorenzo*

**University of Central Florida Department of Music** February 2018

- *Masterclass for the Trombone Studio (Undergrad and Grad)*
- *Brass Choir Instructor and Conductor*
- *Private Lessons arranged by Prof. Luis Fred*

**University of Costa Rica School of Musical Arts** March-April 2017

- *Trombone Studio Masterclass*
- *Trombone Choir Conducting*
- *Hosted by Prof. Martin Bonilla (Trombones de Costa Rica)*

**URUBRASS International Brass Summit** July 2016

*University of Uruguay and National Auditorium of SODRE*

- *Clinician*
- *Master Classes*
- *Conferences*
- *Private Lessons*
- *Recital Performances and Ensemble Conducting*

**Alabama Bandmasters Association District V** April 2016

*Tuscaloosa County High School Band Building*

- *Guest Artist*
- *Clinician*
- *Low Brass Workshop*
- *Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble Conducting*
- *Facet Mutes Presentation*

**ITA International Trombone Festival** Valencia, Spain 2015

*Junior ITF Assistant and Translator for the class of Professor Astrid Marie Nøkleby*

**University of Miami Frost School of Music Guest Artist** November 2014

*International Music Education Master Class Presentation*

**LYNN University Conservatory of Music Guest Artist** October 2014 and November 2012

- *Recital*
- *Master Class on Brass Pedagogy*

- University of Aguascalientes – Mexico** April 2013  
*3rd Annual International Trombone Week*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Latin American Trombone Competition Committee Member along-side with trombonist Jacques Mauger.*
  - *Clinician - Master Classes*
  - *Conferences*
- Oaxaca State School of Music - Oaxaca, Mexico** April 2012  
*2nd Annual International Trombone Week*
- *Clinician, Master Classes*
  - *Conferences*
  - *Private Lessons*
- Sinfonica Juvenil "Carlos Chavez" Mexico City, Mexico** October 2010  
*Academic Week Trombone Faculty*
- *Presenter*
  - *Conferences*
  - *Solo Performance (Blas Galindo National Auditorium)*
  - *Master Classes – Group Lessons*

**PERFORMING POSITIONS HELD**

- Symphony of the Americas – Ft. Lauderdale, FL** Oct. 2012 - Present
- *Tenor and Bass Trombonist*
- Kravis Center Pops Orchestra, Michael Feinstein Director** 2015 - Present
- *Utility Tenor and Bass Trombones*
- Florida Grand Opera** 2009-2015
- *Utility Tenor and Bass Trombones*
- The Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra** 2009-2015
- *Tenor and Bass Trombones*
- Orquesta Filarmonica de Jalisco - Mexico** 2013
- *Acting Bass Trombone*
- The Miami Symphony Orchestra** 2007-2012
- *Bass Trombone*
- Simon Bolivar Youth Symphony Orchestra - Venezuela** 1987-1997
- *Tenor and Bass Trombone*

## ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE (Guest)

### **The Wyoming Symphony Orchestra**

- *Bass Trombone (Casper, WY)*

### **Bilbao Orkestra Sinfonikoa**

- *Bass Trombone (Bilbao, Spain)*

### **Orquesta Filarmonica OFUNAM**

- *Bass Trombone (Mexico City, Mexico)*

### **New World Symphony**

- *Tenor and Bass Trombones (Miami Beach, FL)*

### **Southwest Florida Symphony**

- *Tenor and Bass Trombones (Ft. Myers, FL)*

## OTHER PERFORMANCES (Commercial, Jazz, Special Events)

### **David Foster, the Hitman Tour**

Spring 2019

- Tenor and Bass trombone

### **Andrea Bocelli America Tour**

2014-2015-2018

- Bass Trombone

### **CU Boulder Music Faculty Tuesday Series**

October, 2017

- *Performing Igor Stravinsky's Octet*
- *Woodwind/Brass Faculty from the University of Colorado Boulder*

### **CU Boulder Music Faculty Tuesday Series**

September 2017

- *Brass Members from The Cleveland Orchestra*
- *Brass Faculty from the University of Colorado Boulder*
- *Gabrieli's Brass Repertoire*

### **Eastern Colorado Trombone Choir**

December 2016

- *Guest Conductor and Soloist*

### **URUBRASS International Summit - Montevideo, Uruguay**

July 2016

- *Solo Recital*
- *Faculty Ensemble Performance*
- *College Ensemble Conducting*

### **ITA International Trombone Festival – Valencia, Spain**

July 2015

- *The Euskadi Low Brass and Soloist Scott Hartman*

### **Festival of the Arts Boca – Palm Beach, Florida**

March 2014 and 2015

- *Festival Orchestra Bass and tenor trombones*

### **The Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra Canada Tour**

September 2014

- *The 2014 Ashkenaz Festival – Toronto*
- *The Montreal Jewish Music Festival 2014*

**Latin Song Writers Hall of Fame Orchestra**

November 2012

- *New World Center – Miami Beach, FL*

**Florida Grand Opera Zarzuela Gala**

November 2011

- *Placido Domingo, Conductor*

**CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

**First Congregational Church of Boulder**

- *Brass Quartet, Trombone (Boulder, CO)*

**Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass**

- *Audition Winner 2015, Trombone (USA Tours)*

**Southwest Florida Symphony Brass Quintet**

- *Trombone Sub (Ft. Myers, FL)*

**Miami Music Project Faculty Brass Quintet**

- *Trombone Sub (Miami, FL)*

**Venetian Brass Quintet**

- *Trombone (Miami, FL)*

**Saint Andrews Brass Quintet**

- *Trombone (Coral Springs, FL)*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Solo CD Project - Journey**

Released August 2018

- *Global Music Awards 2018 – Silver Medal*
- *New Music for Trombone & Bass Trombone as Solo and Chamber Instruments by American and Latin American Composers*
- *Available in iTunes and other digital platforms*
- *<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/journey/1413457772>*

**The Maiden, The Youth, and Death, Suite for Trombone Quartet**

November 2017

*An adaptation and arrangement from two Schubert Lieder*

*By Jose Leonardo Leon*

- *Approved for publication by Warwick Music*

**Concerto for Bass Trombone by Robert Spillman.**

July 2016

*An analysis on the Historical, Theoretical, and Performance Aspects.*

- *(Spanish Version) published by RET Revista Española de Trombones*
- *(Spanish Trombone Magazine) <http://www.revistatrombon.es>*
- *(English Version Pending) by Last Row Music*

## PREMIERS AND COMISSIONS

### **A Short Account of a Long Journey** March 2018

- *For Trombone-Bass Trombone and Chamber Winds*
- *Composer: Andres Rodriguez (Venezuela)*

### **Concerto for Bass Trombone and Piano** March 2018

- *Composer: Thomas Sleeper (USA)*

### **Inventions for Three Trombones. Composer:** April 2017

- *Composer: Robert Spillman (USA)*
- *Premiered in April 2017*
- *All three parts are being recorded  
As part of CD Project repertoire*

### **Aires Rioplatenses for Bass Trombone and Bandoneon** April and July 2016

#### **Composer: Ricardo Arbiza (Uruguay)**

- *Commissioned and dedicated to Jose Leonardo Leon*
- *Trombone and Piano version premiered in April 2016*
- *Bass Trombone and Bandoneon version premiered at the Universidad Nacional de Montevideo Escuela de Artes for the URUBRASS International Summit in July 2016.  
Montevideo, Uruguay*

### **Monolith Rhapsody for Bass trombone and Trombone Quintet** April 2013

#### **Composer: Alejandro Guardia (Miami)**

- *Premiered at the 3rd Annual International Trombone Week, University of Aguascalientes, Mexico with members of the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra*
- *Published by Potenza Music Publishing, and distributed by Hickey's Music and Just for Brass*

### **Re: Joyce for Bass Trombone and Electronics version** March 2013

#### **Composer: Thomas Sleeper (USA)**

- *Premiered at the "Temenos I" Faculty Artist Recital at the University of Miami Gusman Concert Hall.*
- *South Florida Classical's Review  
Author: Lawrence Budmen*

*"Re: Joyce, Opus B, a showpiece for bass trombone as part of Temenos I Faculty Artist Recital is based on James Joyce's Finnegans Wake, even including a drinking song from the novel in a central episode. The electronics that substituted for the orchestral part did not really do justice to the churning instrumental timbres. Still, you had to love the growls, muted wails and crackling roars Jose Leonardo Leon drew from the instrument, devilishly conceived by Sleeper. With a capital soloist like Leon and a full orchestra, this work could be a real crowd pleaser."*



## UPCOMING COMMISSIONS AND PROJECTS

### **Academic & Pedagogy**

- *Method Book on Contemporary Orchestral Music for Low Brass* To be Released in 2019

## AWARDS

- Global Music Awards – Silver Medal** September 2018
  - *Journey CD – Instrumentalist and Compositions*
- 16th Annual Latin Grammy Winner, Dr. Ed Calle Presents Mamblue** November 2015
  - *Guest Recording Artist-Trombone*
- University of Colorado Boulder** Spring 2017
  - *Graduate Honors Competition Finalist*
- University of Colorado Boulder** Fall 2015-Present
  - *Graduate Teaching Assistantship*
- AIMS Graz - Austria** 2011
  - *Alternate Bass Trombone*
- University of Miami** May 2011
  - *Award of Academic Merit Cum Laude*
- Frost School of Music** 2009-2011
  - *Music Performance Scholarship*

## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

(From Private Studio and Greater Miami Youth Symphony Brass Studio)

### **Derek Mitchel, bass trombone**

- *Lynn University (Full Scholarship)*
- *Brevard Music Center (Full Scholarship)*
- *University of Michigan (Master Program Scholarship)*
- *ITA Donald Yaxley Bass Trombone Competition 2017 winner.*
- *San Antonio Symphony bass trombone position winner.*

### **Marco Gomez, tenor and bass trombones**

- *San Francisco Youth Symphony Summer Orchestra 2014*
- *National Youth Symphony Orchestra 2015 bass trombone chair*
- *The Juilliard School of Music starting Fall 2016*

### **Israel Gutierrez, tenor and bass trombones**

- *Oberlin Conservatory*

### **Wade Judy, tenor trombone**

- *University of Miami (Full Scholarship)*

**Michael Nunez, bass trombone**

- *University of North Florida (Full Scholarship)*
- *University of Miami, Master Student (Scholarship)*
- *Miami Music Project Bass trombonist (James Judd Conductor)*

**Guy Manning, Tuba, bass trombone**

- *University of Miami Frost School of Music (Full Scholarship)*

**Christopher Kaercher, trombone**

- *DePauw University, Indiana (Full Scholarship)*