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Education

- 2008** **Peaks to Plains Suzuki Institute, Broomfield, Colorado**
Suzuki Harp Training, Book 1A & 1B.
- 2004** **University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona**
Doctorate in Music Arts, Harp performance. Minor in General Music Education.
Awarded 12/04.
- 2002-2004** **Royal Conservatory of Music of Madrid**
Post degree diploma in harp performance. Awarded 06/04.
- 1998** **University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona**
Masters in Music Arts, Harp performance. Awarded 06/98.
- 1995** **Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico**
Bachelors in Music and Piano Performance. Awarded with honors 5/95.

Honors and Achievements

- 2019** * Grant from the American Harp Society to commission a new work for harp
- 2019** * Winner of “Best of Weddings” by TheKnot
- 2011-2019*** Winner of the Wedding Wire's Couples Choice Award.
- 2014** * “Orgullo boricua: Apasionada del arpa” given by WAPA TV channel 4, Puerto Rico
- 2013** * Best Album of 2013 of Puerto Rico, by the Fundación Nacional para la Cultura Popular
- 2007** *Winner of “Fringe Encore 2007” at the Boulder International Fringe Festival.
*Finalist of the 2007 the 9th International WCH Competition.
- 2006** *Winner of the “Notes at 9000: Emerging Artists Series competition”, Winter Park, Colorado.
- 2004** *Medici Circle Award, University of Arizona.
*Second Prize at the international competition “TIM”, Salon de Provence, France.
*Second Prize, harp division of the International Music Competition “Citta Di Padova”, Italy.
- 2002** *Scholarship of the “Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional” for studies at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Madrid.
- 2003** * “Un premier accessit à l'unanimité” at the Concours International UFAM in Paris, France.
- 2001** *Centennial Achievement Doctoral Degree Award for an outstanding doctorate student at the University of Arizona. First harpist to receive this award at the University of Arizona.
- 1998** *First prize at the President’s Concerto Competition, University of Arizona.

Recordings

- 2013** *Solo Album “Arpa...con Alma Latina”. This album was selected as one of the 20 best music productions of the year by the “Fundacion Nacional para la Cultura Popular of Puerto Rico”. Currently nominated as best Latin Album for the 2017-2019 Just Plain Folks Music Award.
- 2010** *Solo Album “Christmas Arpeggios”. Currently nominated as best Holiday Album for 2017-2019 by Just Plain Folks Music Award.
- 2009** *Solo Album “Harp Therapy”. This album has received excellent reviews from health and well-being magazines including the “New Age Journal”, the “New Age Music Magazine”, “Voice of the Angels Magazine”, and “Inspired Retailer Magazine”.
- 2006** *Solo Album. “Harp Voyage: A musical journey with harpist Lizary Rodríguez Ríos”. Grammy pre-nominated and received great reviews by prestigious magazines including “Fanfare” in New Jersey, “Classical Source” in London and the “Scena Musicale” in Canada.
- 2005** *Performer and arranger on Harp Fusion CD, “Harp On Tour”, University of Arizona.
- 2003** *Performer and arranger on Harp Fusion CD/DVD, “25th Anniversary Spectacular”.
- 2001** *Camerata Showcase Sampler 2001, University of Arizona.
- 1999** *Recorded as a member of San Juan Pops Orchestra, CD “Imágenes”.
- 1998** *Performer and arranger on Harp Fusion’s CD, “The Best Gift”.

Selected solo performances

- 2019** * Recital at the Boston Harptacular by Lyon and Healy.
- 2016-2019** *Recitals in Germany, Puerto Rico, Norwood, MA, Dedham, MA, and Weston, MA.
- 2013-2015** *Recitals at the Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood MA and in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2012** * Recital at the “Konstanzer Kirche” in Ditzingen, Germany.
- 2011** * Recital at the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, Boston, Massachusetts.
*Performances in Caguas and San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2010** * Performed as soloist with the Puerto Rican Symphony Orchestra, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2009** *Harp Recital at “Union Church“, Punta las Marias, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2008** *Harp Recital at the “Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín”, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico.
*Harp Recital at the Mountain View Methodist Church, Boulder, Colorado.
- 2007** * “The Harp Around the World”, Boulder International Fringe Festival.
* “Mad Cow Arts Festival: Shakin’ Up the Arts” presented by Notes at 9,000: Emerging Artist Series. The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, Colorado.
*Harp Recital at Black Crooke Theatre, Lake City, Colorado.
*Tour in Puerto Rico. Recitals in Caguas and San Juan.
- 2006** *Harp recital at Nissi’s, Lafayette, Colorado.
*Harp recital at The Church of the Eternal Hills, Tabernash, Colorado.
*Performed Introduction and Allegro by Ravel with “Grupo Camerista” at the Festival Casals. Center of Performing Arts, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005** *Harp recital at the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
*Harp recital at San Bartholomew Catholic Church, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico.
- 2004** *Harp recital “Ecos de España” at the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation, sponsored by the Instituto de Cultura de Puerto Rico.
- 2003** *Harp recital at the “Colegio Antonio Machado” in Salamanca, Spain.
- 2002** *Harp recital sponsored by the Performing Arts of San Carlos, Mexico.

Large and Small Ensemble Experience

- 2019** *Performance of “Symphonic Fantastic”, Brockton Symphony, Brockton, MA
- 2012-2018** *Performances with the “The Aujourd’hui Ensemble” within Massachusetts.
- 2013** *Performances with the “Boston Chamber Symphony” and the “Puerto Rican Philharmonic”.
*Harpist of the “Orquesta Filarmónica Arturo Somohano” performance in Springfield, MA.
- 2011** *Harpist of the Summer Reading Orchestra, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- 2010** *Harpist with the “Sinfónica de Bayamón”, Nutcracker Ballet, Puerto Rico.
*Harpist of the Summer Reading Orchestra, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- 2008** *Member of Mountain Chamber Music Society.
*Duo Rodriguez-Vega-Grand County Chamber Music Series, Tabernash, Colorado.
- 2007-2008** *Harpist of the Niwot Timberline Orchestra.
- 2007** *Harpist at the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra, Colorado.
*Rodriguez-Vega Harp and Flute duo. First Congregational Church of Boulder, Colorado.
- 2006** *Harpist at the Niwot Timberline Symphony, “Nutcracker Ballet”, Colorado.
*Harpist at the Wind Symphony, University of Colorado. Maslanka's “Child's Garden of Dreams.”
*Harpist at the Opera of Puerto Rico in Aida, by Verdi.
*Harpist at the CU Opera in “The Rape of Lucretia” by Britten.
- 1999** *Substitute harpist at the Puerto Rican Symphony, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico.
*Substitute harpist at the Sinfonietta Orchestra at the Center of Fine Arts, Puerto Rico.
- 1998** *Harpist of the University of Arizona Orchestra.
*Harpist at the Arizona Opera in Wagner’s Festival “Der Ring der Nibelungen”, Flagstaff, AZ.
- 1995-2005** * Member of the University of Arizona’s harp ensemble, HarpFusion.

Associations

- * Member of the Gilded Harps of Boston and the American Harp Society.

References

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