

# Biography

*Jose Uzcategui, Percussion*

Jose Uzcategui is a multi-percussionist and composer born and raised in Venezuela. He began his musical studies at the age of five in *El Sistema Nacional de Orquestas* in Venezuela and then started playing percussion at the age of eight in *La Orquesta Sinfónica de Ciudad Guayana* and *La Academia Latinoamericana de Percusión*. An advocate for new music, Jose is often performing solo recitals featuring contemporary music, commissioning new works, and performing in new music ensembles. He is a prize winner for the 2023 SMU Concerto Competition, Philadelphia International Music Festival Concerto Competition, Great Plains International Marimba Competition, Frances Walton Competition, Southern California Marimba Competition. In addition, Jose is a World Percussion Group Artist, Emerging Artist in the Network for Diversity in Concert Percussion, and served as Scholarship Ambassador of the Latin Grammy Cultural Foundation at the 20th edition of the Annual Latin GRAMMY Award Ceremony. Jose is an active freelancer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and has performed with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Winds, Metamorphosis Ensemble, Verdigris Ensemble, and others. In addition to performing, Jose has also been commissioned to write music for short films, advertisements, and fashion shows.