



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Presents

**TCU String Orchestra**  
Dr. Germán Gutiérrez, Music Director

April 16, 2025

3:00pm

Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU

**Program**

*Idyll: Suite for String Orchestra*

- I. *Andante*
- II. *Allegro*
- III. *Moderato*
- IV. *Allegro*
- V. *Adagio*
- VI. *Scherzo*
- VII. *Moderato*

Leoš Janáček  
(1854-1928)

Little Suite for String Orchestra, Op. 1

- I. *Präludium: Andante con moto*
- II. *Intermezzo: Allegro moderato*
- III. *Finale: Andante con moto. Allegro con brio*

Carl Nielsen  
(1865-1931)

*Tango Diamante*

Dr. Till Macivor Meyn  
(b. 1971)

*Fuga y misterio*

Astor Piazzolla  
(1921-1992)

## **Dr. Germán Augusto Gutiérrez**

Professor Germán Augusto Gutiérrez has served as Director of Orchestras and Professor of Orchestral Studies at Fort Worth's Texas Christian University (TCU) as well as Director of TCU's Latin American Music Center and biennial Latin American Music Festival since 1996. Since 2000, Dr. Gutiérrez has also served as Music Director of the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra (FWYO).

Dr. Gutiérrez is a frequent guest conductor of professional orchestras in the Americas, Europe, Middle East, Asia, Africa and Oceania. He recently recorded a CD with the Hong Kong Chamber Orchestra with Daniel Binelli and Polly Ferman as soloists. Recent invitations include the Qingdao Cosmopolitan Music Festival in China, the Fort Worth Symphony, the Shanghai Conservatory Symphony, the Alcalá de Henares Symphony Orchestra, in Spain; the Lebanon National Philharmonic and the Orquesta Filarmónica of Bogotá, Colombia. In 2011, the TCU Symphony Orchestra was awarded the Carlos Gardel Musical Prize for its CD "Cantar Latinoamericano" with Opus Cuatro as soloists. This award led to the invitation for the orchestra to perform in May, 2013 in Buenos Aires and Rosario. For the twelfth consecutive year Dr. Gutiérrez served as guest conductor of the Dallas Symphony's Hispanic Festival. In 2006, he was invited to conduct the Czech National Symphony in historic Smetana Hall as part of the 110th anniversary of Carl Orff's birth, where he led the orchestra in a performance of Carmina Burana. Maestro Gutiérrez has also appeared with the Argentina, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Perú and Cuba National Symphonies. Other orchestras include the Hu Bei State Symphony of China, the Free State Symphony Orchestra of South Africa, Shanghai Symphony (China), Xalapa and San Luis Potosí in Mexico, the, Auckland Philharmonic (New Zealand), Sinfónica del Teatro Municipal de Rio de Janeiro, and Porto Alegre Symphony Orchestra (Brazil), among others. In 2002, Maestro Gutiérrez was invited to the Trentino region of Italy to conduct Rossini's opera The Barber of Seville for the 30th anniversary of the Pergine Spettacolo Aperto.



Under his baton, the TCU Symphony and the FWYO have achieved exceptional levels of recognition in Fort Worth and abroad. Both groups have traveled on numerous international tours, obtaining enthusiastic reviews, including repeat invitations as the featured orchestra to engagements such as the Iberoamerican Music Festival in Puerto Rico, and the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio. With the TCU Symphony, Maestro Gutiérrez has also conducted the world premieres of more than fifty contemporary works. In 2017, Maestro Gutiérrez led the FWYO on a tour of Europe that included performances at Salzburg's Mozarteum, Eisenstadt's Esterházy Palace in Austria, and a concert in Prague.

Maestro Gutiérrez holds *Músico Bachiller* and *Maestro en Música* degrees from the Tolima Conservatory in Colombia. He also received a master's degree from Illinois State University and a doctoral degree from the University of Northern Colorado. In recognition to his achievements, Dr. Gutierrez was included in the Hall of Fame of Illinois State University, and was invited to give the Commencement speech in May 2018. For his involvement and dedication to TCU, Maestro Gutiérrez received the Dean's Teaching Award (1999), the Dean's Award for Research and Creative Activity (2002), and the 2003 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity, the highest award that the university bestows.

## Mitchell Manlapig

Mitchell Manlapig is a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in Orchestral Conducting at Texas Christian University. Under the tutelage of Dr. Germán Gutiérrez, Manlapig serves as assistant conductor and manager of the TCU Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his duties with the TCU Symphony, he is principal conductor of the TCU Opera department.

Beyond his studies at TCU, Manlapig is the assistant conductor of the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra and the Fort Worth Medical Orchestra, where he also serves as operational director. He holds a conducting fellowship with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and was recently assistant conductor to Miguel Harth-Bedoya during Fort Worth Opera's 2024 production of *La bohème*. In 2024, he was also recognized as a National Finalist: Honorable Mention by the American Prize in Conducting.

Prior to his studies at TCU, Manlapig earned a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During his final year of study at UWM, Manlapig served as acting director and manager of the UWM Symphony, as well as assistant conductor of the University/Community Orchestra. His position as acting director of the UWM Symphony led him to close collaborations with esteemed conductors such as Ken-David Masur and David Bloom. In 2021, he was selected as a participant in the Chicago Conducting Masterclass and Workshop Series with Donald Schleicher.

During his undergraduate study at Oklahoma Baptist University, Manlapig served as assistant conductor for the OBU/Shawnee Community Orchestra. He additionally garnered conducting appearances with wind ensembles, chamber groups, choirs, and was conductor for OBU's production of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* in 2020. As an acclaimed pianist, Manlapig is a two-time winner of OBU's annual Concerto-Aria competition and member of the prestigious *Pi Kappa Lambda* music honor society. Upon graduating with a B.M.A. in Piano Performance in 2020, Manlapig received both the Outstanding Senior in the Division of Music and the W.P. Blake Award, the highest honor bestowed by the university.

Manlapig has studied conducting with Dr. Germán Gutiérrez, Dr. Christopher Aspaas, Dr. Jun Kim, Dr. John Climer, Dr. Teresa Purcell, and Dr. Christopher Matthews. He has studied piano with Elena Abend, Dr. Michael Dean, and Kaye Shields.



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## Violin I

Oriana Gonzalez# *Venezuela*  
Natalie Caldwell *Fort Worth, TX*  
Joao Pérez *Puerto Rico*  
Liz Valentina Muñoz Morales *Colombia*  
Laura Pollack *Edmond, OK*  
Mahsan Jobeiri *Iran*  
Kevin Andre Zerrate Arias *Colombia*  
Angelene Ku *United States*  
Lucas Raulino *Brazil*  
Muyan Xin *China*  
Alejandro Sanchez Rodriguez *Colombia*  
Eden Agabs *Summit, NJ*

## Violin II

Juan Pablo de León Ruiz *México*  
Arnaldo Figueroa *Venezuela*  
Daniela Vallejo Castano *Colombia*  
Eva Renaudat *Colombia*  
Andres Bravo Canedo+ *La Par, Bolivia*  
Emma Swank *Tulsa, OK*  
Chase Morrison *Argyle, TX*  
Amanda Ochraneck *Southlake, TX*  
Alexis Lizama *Katy, TX*  
Gabriela Cruz *Dallas, TX*  
Kate Johnson *Long Beach, CA*

## Viola

Jasmine Ong *Singapore*  
Kaylan Walker *United States*  
Phoebe Haun *Fort Worth, TX*  
Hope Ward *Tallahassee, FL*  
Juan Diego Vega Ordonez *Colombia*  
Holly LeMoine *Fort Worth, TX*  
Joey Tullis *Fort Worth, TX*  
Daniel Compton *Frisco, TX*

## Cello

Giancarlo Gonzales *Philippines*  
Jayme Eck *Albuquerque, NM*  
Edna Rincón *Colombia*  
Nathan Hoang *Murphy, TX*  
Caio Sousa *Brazil*  
Riley Kee *Tomball, TX*  
Daniela Herrera Garcia *Colombia*  
Joshua Gordon *Miami, FL*  
Giuliano Bucheli *San Antonio, TX*  
Bentley Altman *Anchorage, AK*  
Grady O'Gara *San Roman, CA*  
Jason Vierra *Hawaii*

## Double Bass

Arturo Zamora Argumedo *San Antonio, TX*  
Kaleb Comstock *San Antonio, TX*  
Sixto Elizondo *San Antonio, TX*  
Iván Yael Talancón Flores *México*  
Graysen Malek *McKinney, TX*  
David Gutierrez *Mesquite, TX*

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## Janacek Players

<b>Violin I</b>	Oriana Gonzalez Joao Pérez Laura Pollack Kevin Andre Zerrate Arias Lucas Raulino Alejandro Sanchez Rodriguez
<b>Violin II</b>	Juan Pablo de León Ruiz Daniela Vallejo Castano Andres Bravo Canedo Emma Swank Alexis Lizama Chase Morrison
<b>Viola</b>	Jasmine Ong Phoebe Haun Juan Diego Vega Ordonez Joey Tullis
<b>Cello</b>	Giancarlo Gonzales Edna Rincon Jimenez Caio Sousa Daniela Herrera Garcia Fiuliano Bucheli Grady O’Gara
<b>Double Bass</b>	Arturo Zamora Argumedo Sixto Elizondo Ivan Talancon Flores

## Nielsen Players

<b>Violin I</b>	Natalie Caldwell Liz Valentina Muñoz Morales Mahsan Jobeiri Angelene Ku Eden Agabs
<b>Violin II</b>	Arnaldo Figueroa Eva Renaudat Amanda Ochraneck Gabriela Cruz Kate Johnson
<b>Viola</b>	Kaylan Walker Hope Ward Holly Lemoine Daniel Compton
<b>Cello</b>	Jayne Eck Nathan Hoang Riley Kee Olivier Gordon Bentley Altman Jason Viera
<b>Double Bass</b>	Kaleb Comstock Graysen Malek David Gutierrez