

# Long Biography (363 words)

## BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Aguascalientes, Mexico, Luis Ramirez is a Mexican-Canadian composer with an affinity towards rhythmically colorful textures and visually-evocative sonic worlds, which often incorporate elements of Mexican folklore and a cinematographic approach to musical storytelling. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Composition at York University in Toronto with Randolph Peters.

Luis has been awarded numerous scholarships and has performed as a pianist across Mexico, Canada, Italy, and Serbia. He has had multiple works commissioned, with premieres at the *Casalmaggiore Festival* in Italy, *AugustFest* in Manitoba, *Festival Cervantino* in Mexico, and *the Class Axe Workshop* across Canada. His work *Chido* was premiered by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra during the *Winnipeg New Music Festival 2018* as winner of the CMC Prairie Region Emerging Composer Competition. In 2019, *Chido* was awarded the first prize of the Sir Ernest MacMillan Awards of the SOCAN Foundation and was performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in 2022. Other prestigious awards include the OAC Music Creation Projects Grant with Amarras Tango Quintet and the Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award. He was the first recipient of the Jacques Israelievitch Scholarship at York University, established to honour Toronto Symphony Orchestra's longest tenured Concertmaster. Luis was selected as a Composer Fellow for the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra in 2020 and commissioned by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Gabrielle Israelievitch, Trio Kalysta, and GroundSwell, among others. He recently received a second commission by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra as part of their 2022/23 NextGen Composers program.

Luis began his career as a pianist, and his interest in composition emerged as a consequence of performing contemporary music. In 2012 he received a full scholarship to study at Brandon University in Manitoba where he earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance and Master of Music degree in 2016 studying with Alexander Tselyakov. He subsequently obtained a Master of Music degree in Composition with Dr. Patrick Carrabré at Brandon University the following year.

An eclectic musician, Luis has toured the Canadian Prairies as a classical pianist, taught the composition course at York University, conducted the Brandon Community Orchestra, presented his academic research at conferences around the world, and performed at bars with his tango quintet.

# Medium Biography (251 words)

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# Short Biography (110 words)

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