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## **Education**

- 2018      **Doctor of Musical Arts**, Don Wright Faculty of Music, Western University, London, ON, **Monograph: The Political Power of Carlos Chávez**
- 2015      **University of Colorado at Boulder**
- 2014      **Master of Musical Arts (*Fulbright Fellow*)** Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- 2010      **Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance**, Facultad de Música, Universidad Veracruzana  
Major teachers: John Hess, Marianna Chibotar, Mitsumi Moteki, Silvana Santinelli, Ilya Sinaisky, Patricia Castillo

## **Employment**

- 2023-present    **Collaborative Pianist, University of Toronto (PMU105-405Y1)**
- 2023-present    **Collaborative pianist and Choir Director, El Sistema Toronto**
- 2023-present    **Piano Faculty, Community Music Schools of Toronto**
- 2022-2023      **Pianist of Lincoln Centre Stage's Piano Quartet, Holland America Line**
- 2018-2023      **Music Director, Knox St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dutton, ON**
- 2015-2022      **Vocal Coach and Instrumental Collaborative Pianist, Western University, London, ON**
- 2019 - 2020     **Piano Instructor, Zing Education Studio. London, ON**
- 2011 - 2012     **Orchestral Pianist of the Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil del Estado de Veracruz, Xalapa, Mexico**
- 2009 - 2012     **Staff collaborative pianist, Instituto Superior de Música del Edo. de Veracruz, Xalapa, Mexico**

# Research and Creative Activity

## Ensembles, Touring & Recordings

- 2024-present      **Solidaridad Tango**  
All-female tango ensemble, celebrating the rich tradition of tango
- 2023-present      **Sampaguita Flute Project**  
Promoting Filipino composers and chamber music  
2023 Montana Tour  
Album recording residency at University of Buffalo (April 2024)  
Album: **PANORAMAS (Jan 2025)**
- 2022-present      **Obsidiana Duo**  
Devoted to performing art songs based on the folk music of Canada and Iberoamerica, BIPOC and historically-excluded composers.  
Touring artists with Prairie Debut 2023-2024, Debut Atlantic 2024-2025.  
Banff Centre Artist Residency: Evolution Classical (2023)  
Commissions: Alice Ho (Composer), Madeline Thien (Writer), Madeline Blanc (Costum Designer), Paula Vergara (Graphic Designer).  
Mentors: Wolfram Rieger, Benjamin Appl, Steven Philcox, David Harrington and Paul Wiancko (Kronos Quartet), the Gryphon Trio, Dinuk Wijeratne, Tom Allen, Patricia O'Callaghan, Marie Jossée Chartier, and Parmela Attariwara
- 2019-present      **Carnyx Trio**  
Specializing in the dissemination of new music for trumpet, trombone and piano repertoire, 2020 Ontario Tour
- 2019      **Loja Trio**  
Flute, cello, and piano trio, fundraised for the Festival Internacional de Música in Loja, Ecuador, 2019 Midwest Tour
- 2017      **Kuyum Ensemble**  
Specializing in presenting a rich and diverse experience celebrating Latin American cultures. Fundraised for the 2017 earthquake relief in Mexico City. Southern Ontario Tour 2017

## Compositions

- 2024      *Nómada Nocturna* for piano solo \*+  
*Monarca* for piano and voice \*+  
\*Commissioned by Obsidiana Duo, Funded by Ontario Arts Council  
+Premiere for Debut Atlantic Tour 2024

## Grants & Fellowships

- 2024      \$10,000 CAD: Music Recording Grant Ontario Arts Council, for Obsidiana Duo Album: *Aire (in progress)*
- \$25,000 CAD: Canada Council for the Arts, Research and Creation Grant, *Stories of Immigration Through Song*, for Obsidiana Duo

2023	\$1,500 CAD: SOCAN/Prairie Debut, Obsidiana Duo commission grant
2022	\$2,000 CAD: Live Music Workers Fund, The Unison Fund
2017	\$2,000 CAD: Don Wright Faculty of Music, Research Grant
2016	\$8,600 USD: Collaborative Piano Fellowship, Bowdoin Summer Festival
2015-2018	\$35,000 CAD: Western University DMA Graduate Fellowship
2015	\$2,000 CAD: Don Wright Graduate Entrance Award
2014	\$42,000 USD: University of Colorado at Boulder, Collaborative Piano Fellowship
2013	\$1,000 USD: Colorado State University, Chamber Music scholarship \$800 USD: Colorado State University, Stern Grant
2012	\$50,000 USD: Fulbright García-Robles Fellowship \$120,000 MXN: Veracruz State Academic Excellence Grant

## Awards and Distinctions

2022	<b>Puerto Rico Collaborative Piano International Competition</b> First Prize
2014	<b>National Chamber Music Competition</b> , Ciudad de Mexico Second Prize  <b>Colorado State University Concerto Competition</b> , Fort Collins Winner and Featured Soloist  <b>Outstanding Graduate Student Award</b> , Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, Recognized for exceptional academic achievements
2013	<b>Colorado State University Concerto Competition</b> Second Prize Winner and Featured Soloist
2011	<b>Manuel M. Ponce Award</b> , Aguas Calientes Chamber Music Festival Awarded for best chamber ensemble and final performance
2008	<b>V International Piano Competition María Clara Cullell</b> , San Jose, Costa Rica, Finalist
2008	<b>Universidad Veracruzana Concerto Competition</b> , Orquesta Sinfónica de Xalapa, Winner and Featured soloist
2007	<b>Veracruz State Concerto Competition</b> , Xalapa Symphony Orchestra, Winner and Featured Soloist

2006            **IV International Piano Competition María Clara Cullell, San Jose, Costa Rica, Finalist**

## **International Music Festival Residencies**

2023            Evolution of Classical Music, Banff Centre for Creative Arts, Alberta

2022            Toronto Summer Music Art of Song, Toronto, CA  
Puerto Rico Flute Symposium, Pianist of the International Flute Competition

2019            Toronto Creative Music Lab, Toronto, CA

2016            Bowdoin International Music Festival, Main, USA

2013            Orvieto Musica Festival, Orvieto, Italy

2011            Aguas Calientes Chamber Music Festival, Aguas Calientes, Mexico

2010            Académie Musicale de Morges, Morges, Switzerland

2009            International Chamber Music Festival, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

2007            Académie Musical de Morges, Morges, Switzerland

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Masterclasses, Teaching Residencies & Graduate Appointments**

2025            Piano Masterclass and workshop, Fort McMurray Teachers Association, Prairie Debut

2024            Voice and Piano Duo Masterclass, Mount Allison University

2023            Collaborative Piano Masterclass, Facultad de Música de la Universidad, Xalapa, Mexico

2020            Piano Masterclass, Cambrian College School of Music, Sudbury, ON

2019            Vocal coach, Lillian and Don Wright National Voice Masterclass Weekend, Conservatory Canada, London, ON

2018-2020      Piano Faculty, Festival Internacional de Cello de Quito, Ecuador

2017-2021      Piano Faculty, Festival Internacional de Música de Loja, Ecuador

2015-2018      Graduate Fellow, Western University, London, ON



Opera Répétiteur (MUSIC 9507), Les Choristers (MUSIC X911),  
Contemporary Music Studio (MUSIC 9507), Vocal Repertoire Class (MUSIC  
9515), (MUSIC 4945)

2014-2015 Graduate Fellow, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Symphony Orchestra (EMUS 1327) Voice Class (MUEL 1184)

2014 Piano Masterclass, Facultad de Música de la Universidad Veracruzana,  
Xalapa, Mexico

## Graduate Training

2023 **Adjudicator and second Reader, DMA Oral Defence, Universidad Autónoma de Mexico UNAM,** *La generación y difusión de un repertorio en el ámbito solista actual*, Dr. Miguel Angel Villanueva Rangel

2021 **Second Reader: PhD Oral Defence, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua.**  
*Seminario de medio término, Sistema de formación musical con compromiso sociocultural de la educación terciaria con el desarrollo humano*, Antonio Israel Castro Pérez

## Presentations & Lecture Recitals

2024 Lecture Performance, Nova Scotia Community College

2023 Lecture, *El pianista colaborador y su quehacer profesional en la actualidad*, Facultad de Música, Universidad Veracruzana

2021 Lecture Recital, *The Political Power of Carlos Chavez*, Latin American Chamber Players, Díaz del Moral Foundation

Lecture recital, *The Political Power of Carlos Chávez*, CollabFest  
International Keyboard Collaborative Arts

Presentación, *La Carrera del Pianista Freelance*, El Piano en México

Presentación, *El Arte del Vocal Coaching*, El Canto Online

2020 Presentación, *Carlos Chávez: Música y Poder*, Podcast Con M de México

Lecture, *El Piano Colaborativo y El Entrenamiento Vocal*, Universidad Veracruzana, Universidad de Zacatecas, Universidad Autónoma de México

*Lectura a Primera Vista*, Keynote speaker, University of Zacatecas

- 2018      Lecture: *The Political Power of Carlos Chavez*, University of Western Ontario
- 2017      Keynote Speaker, Round Table Panelist, Toronto Latin American Flute Festival

## Service and Professional Engagement

### Online Projects

- 2021      Co-Founder of CyberCollab 2021
- 2020      Founder and Social Media Manager, Collaborativepianists
- Performer and Audio-post producer, Universidad Autónoma de la CDMX

### Online Festivals, Webinars, and Workshops

- 2021      **Russian Lyric Diction**, The Russian Chamber Arts Society, Instructors: Vera Danchenko and Patricia Green
- 2020      **International Keyboard Collaborative Arts Society, CollabFest 2020**  
**Masterclass with Warren Jones**, Performance with Mezzo-soprano Camila Montefusco, Sessions with Anne Epperson, Jean Barr, Margo Garret, Warren Jones, Ana María Otamendi, Kathleen Kelly, Elvia Puccinelli, and Alan Smith.
- International Keyboard Collaborative Arts Society Webinars**, Instructors: Elvia Puccinelli, Anne Epperson, Jean Barr, Margo Garret, Chris Foley, Ana María Otamendi, Kathleen Kelly
- Alexander Technique for Musicians Workshop**, Instructor: Felipe Bojórquez, Anatomy review, body motion analysis, and corporal exercises for teachers and performers
- Body Mapping for Musicians**, Instructor: Dana Boyd

### Professional Memberships

IKCAS International Keyboard Collaborative Arts Association  
 Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association  
 Member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society

### Volunteering

- May 2020      **Surviving Memory in Postwar in El Salvador**  
<https://www.elsalvadormemory.org/>  
 Transcriber, data analyst, cataloguing Salvadorian songs

# Repertoire and Recent Performance History

For a full list of *repertoire* please visit [this link](#).

## 2025

- **Feb 16** – *Tierra*, Keyano Theater and Centre Stage, Fort McMurray, AB –with Obsidiana Duo
- **Jan 12** – *Danzas y Descansas: Guitar and Piano Sonatas*, Settlement Music School, Philadelphia, PA – with Lenny Ranallo.

## 2024

- **Nov 23** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Woodlawn United Church, Dartmouth, NS.
- **Nov 17** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Memorial Hall, UNB, Fredericton, NB.
- **Nov 16** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Marigold Cultural Centre, Truro, NS.
- **Nov 15** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Église St. Joachim, The Grace Arts Centre, Tatamagouche, NS.
- **Nov 13** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Église St. Joachim, Bertrand, NB.
- **Nov 10** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Dacoste Performing Arts Centre, Pictou, NS.
- **Nov 9** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Lunenburg/Mahone Bay, NS.
- **Nov 8** – *Aire y Tierra*, Obsidiana Duo Tour with Debut Atlantic, Immaculata Hall, St. FX, Antigonish, NS.
- **Oct 18** – *Danzas y Descansas: Guitar and Piano Sonatas*, Canadian Opera Company Showcase Series, Four Seasons Centre, Toronto – with Lenny Ranallo.
- **Oct 2** – *Milonga Café Domínguez*, Drom Taberna, Toronto – with Solidaridad Tango.
- **Sep 29** – *Milonga Tango*, Drom Taberna, Toronto – with Solidaridad Tango.
- **Sep 22** – *Tango 8 Fest*, 206 Beverley St b, Toronto – with Solidaridad Tango.
- **Jul 22** – *Aire y Tierra*, Music Mondays Toronto, 19 Trinity Square – with Obsidiana Duo.
- **Jun 16** – *Summer Time Voice and Piano Recital*, Eglinton St. George's United Church, Toronto – with Jesús Cortés and Minerva Ankara.
- **May 31** – *Violin and Piano Recital*, Walter Hall, University of Toronto – with Roan Ma (DMA Recital).
- **Apr 30** – *Violin Senior Recital*, Walter Hall, University of Toronto – with Amanda Yee.
- **Apr 21** – *Violin Junior Recital*, Walter Hall, University of Toronto – with Victor Poon.
- **Apr 20** – *Violin Senior Recital*, Walter Hall, University of Toronto – with Jasmine Chu.
- **Apr 12** – *Sampaguita Flute Project*, Baird Recital Hall, University at Buffalo – with Norman Menzales, Jay Julio, Antoine Lefebvre, and Hae-Yuen Jeun.
- **Apr 6** – *COSE Music Toronto*, The Aperture Room, 340 Yonge Street – with Obsidiana Duo.
- **Feb 10** – *Homebound*, Rimbey United Church, AB – with Obsidiana Duo.
- **Feb 9** – School Performance, Central Memorial High School, Calgary, AB – with Obsidiana Duo.
- **Feb 8** – *Homebound*, Arts Place, Canmore, AB – with Obsidiana Duo.

**2023-2012** *For a full list of **performances** please visit [this link](#)*