

Jose Rios

Violinist, Arrangist, and Musical Director for Raices de America

Graduated from the University of Texas El Paso with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, where he studied violin with Dr. Mark Schuppener. Jose has worked with and shared the stage with members of Mariachi Internacional Guadalajara, Nuevo Tecalitlan, Sol de Mexico, and others.

He is currently a teacher with EPISD at Henderson Middle School. He has also served as a guest clinician for the YISD Elementary Honor Orchestra, as well as for Pre-UIL Festivals in Pasadena ISD, and TMEA Region 22 Orchestra. Amongst Jose's other musical exploits, he has played with the Juarez Symphony Orchestra (UACJ), Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, and El Paso Symphony Orchestra. He is also the founder and conductor of the El Paso del Norte Philharmonic Orchestra.

Jose's compositions and arrangements include different genres, ranging from orchestral compositions for chamber groups and various size orchestras, to pop and mariachi; his pieces have even been performed in places such as Santa Fe Opera House, and Carnegie Hall, and El Paso Symphony Orchestra. As Strings Teaching Artist for the TOCANDO Music Project, he got the opportunity to work with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute and PlayUSA, providing research in education and El Sistema in the U.S. borderland.

Jose is currently the conductor for El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra's Youth Symphony. He is also one of the coaches in the EPSYO Chamber Music program.



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