

# CHRIS URQUIAGA

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### **JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

*Performer, Composer, Arranger, and Producer, September 2017*

- Invited to perform a full concert at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Experience with working with other performers and administrators for this event. Experience in communication, agreement, and handling logistics in a group context
- Composed and arranged original music for this concert

### **ABC NEWS, FOX NEWS, WUSA 9, & UNIVISION**

*Performer, Composer, Arranger, and Organizer*

- Invited to perform and be interviewed on ABC News, Fox News, WUSA 9, and Univision
- Composed and arranged original music to be broadcast on television
- Managed logistics, selected repertoire, and arranged music for the televised performances

### **THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, DC**

*Featured Performer – Celebration of 50th Anniversary of March on Washington, August 2013*

- Selected to perform works for guests including the President and First Lady, Oprah Winfrey, Angela Bassett, Lynn Whitfield, Chris Tucker, John Lewis, among others
- Organized and selected repertoire for this event in a timely manner to accommodate strict deadlines

## EXPERIENCE AS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

### **STRATHMORE, NORTH BETHESDA, MD**

*Artist in Residence, 2016-2017*

- Performing artist at Strathmore for the 2016-2017 Season
- Experience in collaborating with other artists and administrators
- Experience in conducting an educational workshop

## RECORDING EXPERIENCE

### **COMPLETE**

*Studio Album, January 2017*

- Composed, arranged, recorded, and produced original music for an album entitled "Complete", which features all original music in English, Spanish, & Portuguese
- Experience with acting as executive producer for the recording project, handling financial logistics, communicating with engineers and musicians, and promoting the album

## COMMISSIONED PROJECTS

### **CONGRESSIONAL CHORUS, WASHINGTON, DC**

*Composer and Performer, 2012, 2013, 2016*

- Commissioned to compose and arrange three works for Choir and Chamber Ensemble; All performances were sold-out in concert attendance
- Featured performer in the world premiere of the three commissioned works
- Experience with working as a clinician and an assistant director

## EDUCATION

### **EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC-UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, NY**

*Bachelor of Music, Composition, May 2014*

- Studied Music History, Orchestration, Counterpoint, Music Theory, Computer Music, Film Scoring, and Music Calligraphy and Software Engraving
- Composed and performed music of all genres for classes, departmental forums, academically required exams, and in venues outside of the school
- Studied aspects of music business including: financial accounting, tracking supply and demand, return on investment, organizing and documenting finances, marketing, and entrepreneurship
- Additional studies in History of Brazil, Spanish Literature, Theater Studies, the History of Black Musicians and the History of Modern Latin America