

## **GERSON MEDINA**

He started his musical studies at the age of 10 in “El Sistema” San Juan de Colon – Venezuela. At the age of 13 he was accepted in the studio of Simon Gollo. In June of 2010 He was accepted to be part of the National Youth Orchestra in Venezuela, which was conducted by Sir Simon Rattle and Gustavo Dudamel.

In May 2017 He got the first prize at the 2017 Virginia Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition. In January 2017 he was named The Strings Virginia representative at the MTNA competition held in University of South Carolina. He was one of the winners at the Bach-Handel Festival in 2016, held in Shenandoah University each year. In November of 2016 he had the opportunity to play the piece STOMP! for violin solo by John Corigliano for the composer himself at Shenandoah Conservatory. In 2012 He won the first prize at the Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy, Maracaibo – Venezuela.

He was instructor at “El Sistema” in Colon – Venezuela since 2010 until 2014. Currently He is getting his degree in music performance in Shenandoah University under the tutelage of Akemi Takayama. Mr. Medina plays a violin labeled *Phillippus Brandilioni, fecit Belxis* made in 1810, German, loaned by day violins LLC.