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MEET OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR, HÉCTOR GUZMÁN



Maestro Héctor Guzmán has celebrated 41 years at the helm of the Plano Symphony Orchestra, and is one of the most respected and admired conductors in this country and abroad.

His leadership of not only the Plano Symphony Orchestra, but that of the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, Irving Symphony, the San Angelo Symphony, and as Conductor Emeritus of the Jalisco Philharmonic in Mexico, have placed him among the most important musical figures on the podium today.

He has been a frequent guest conductor of an array of prestigious ensembles: **Mexico:** National Symphony, Mexico City Philharmonic, UNAM Philharmonic, Xalapa Symphony, Bellas Artes Chamber Orchestra, Vivaldi Orchestra of Mexico City, and State of Mexico Symphony. **United States:** Dallas Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Wheeling Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, and the Chicago Sinfonietta. **Dominican Republic:** National Symphony. **Czech Republic:** Collegium Orchestra of Prague. **Poland:** Rzeszow Philharmonic. **Japan:** Japan Philharmonic. **South Korea:** Masan Philharmonic, and Gangsam Symphony. **Italy:** Amadeus Orchestra, Sinfonia Venetto, Milano Classica Orchestra, Bari Symphony, San Remo Symphony, and

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In addition to a spectacular career as a conductor, he continues to enjoy international success as a concert organist, performing in venues such as the Meyerson Symphony Hall in Dallas, the Spivey Hall Distinguished Artist Series in Atlanta, the Olivet Nazarene recital series in Illinois, the cathedrals of Morelia, Guadalajara (Mexico) and Chartres (France), and the International Music Festivals in Toledo, Spain and Zamora, Mexico. Maestro Guzman holds degrees from: The Conservatory of Music in Mexico City, the University of North Texas (BM), and Southern Methodist University (MM).

His teachers include his mentor Anshel Brusilow, former concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra and former music director of the Dallas Symphony, as well as internationally renowned conductors Helmuth Rilling (University of Oregon) and Carlo Maria Giulini (Accademia Chigiana in Siena, Italy). He was also a protégé of the late Maestro Eduardo Mata, music director of the Dallas Symphony. In his native Mexico, Héctor Guzmán achieved an impressive reputation as an organist, under Prof. Victor Urban, by taking first prize in the "Chamber Soloists" and the "Manuel M. Ponce" national organ competitions. In the United States, while a student of world-famous master teachers Dr. Robert Anderson and Alfred Mouldous, he earned further distinction by winning solo competitions at Southern Methodist University, the University of North Texas, and he was the first Latin-American ever chosen as a finalist in the "Grand Prix de Chartres," the world's most prestigious international organ competition celebrated in France.

He is also the recipient of the "Mozart Medal," Mexico's highest musical honor, presented by the embassy of Austria and the Mozart Academy in Mexico City, as well as the 2012 "Lifetime Achievement Award" of North Texas, and the 2014 Sigma Alpha Iota National Arts Associate award.



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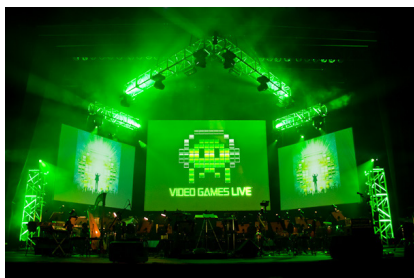
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Tommy Tallarico is a veritable video game industry icon. As one of the most successful video game composers in history, he has helped revolutionize the gaming world, creating unique audio landscapes that enhance the video gaming experience. He is considered the person most instrumental in changing the game industry from bleeps & bloops to real music now appreciated worldwide by billions of fans. In 2018 he was named CEO/President of legacy video game company Intellivision Entertainment to help

launch a brand new home video game system called the Intellivision Amico.

Tommy is the founder and Chairman of the Board (Emeritus) of the Game Audio Network Guild (G.A.N.G.), which is a non-profit organization educating and heightening the awareness of audio for the interactive world (www.audiogang.org). With over 2,500 members representing over 50 countries since its inception in 2002, G.A.N.G. has quickly become known as one of the strongest and best examples of helping the game industry community. Each year during the Game Developers Conference Tommy produces the annual G.A.N.G. awards revered by many as one of the best award shows in the industry. Tommy is an Advisory Board member for the Game Developers Conference, a Governor for the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS/GRAMMY's), a spokesperson and member of the Entertainment Consumers Association, a proud member and speaker for the International Game Developers Association and a nominating peer panel leader for the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences. For more information about Tommy, please visit www.tallarico.com.



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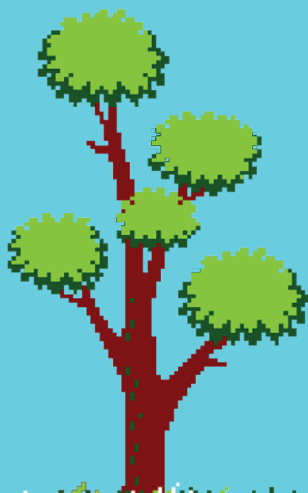
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