

Santiago Del Castillo Aréchiga

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Mexican-American violist Santiago Del Castillo Aréchiga has had a varied musical career for the last decade, with a passion for chamber, orchestral, and contemporary music performance.

Education

- 2021-2023 Bienen School of Music, Northwestern University
Master of Music - Viola performance under Helen Callus
- 2017-2021 Mannes School of Music, The New School University
Bachelor of Music - Viola performance under Daniel Panner

Recent Orchestral positions

- 2022-2023 Civic Orchestra of Chicago
Associate Member
- 2022-present Northwestern University Contemporary Music Ensemble - Solo Violist
Benjamin Bolter and Alan Pierson, Conductor
- 2021-present Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra - Principal Violist
Victor Yampolsky and Donald Schleicher, Conductor
- 2019-present Queer Urban Orchestra - Principal Violist
Ian Shafer, Conductor
- 2019-2021 Mannes American Composers Ensemble (M.A.C.E.) - Principal and Solo Violist
Various Conductors
- 2017-2021 Mannes Orchestra - Principal Violist
David Hayes, Conductor

Recent Competition Experience

- 2023 Northwestern University Viola Prize - Honorable Mention; *Jury* - Robert Levine
- 2022 Northwestern University Viola Prize - Second Prize; *Jury* - Li-Kuo Chang

Recent Masterclass Experience

- 2022 Dover String Quartet - Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 6
- 2021 Nokuthula Ngwenyama - Hindemith Viola Sonata (1937), Ngwenyama *Sonoran Storm*

Recent Summer Festivals

- 2021 Miami Classical Music Festival opera fellowship program - Principal and Solo Violist