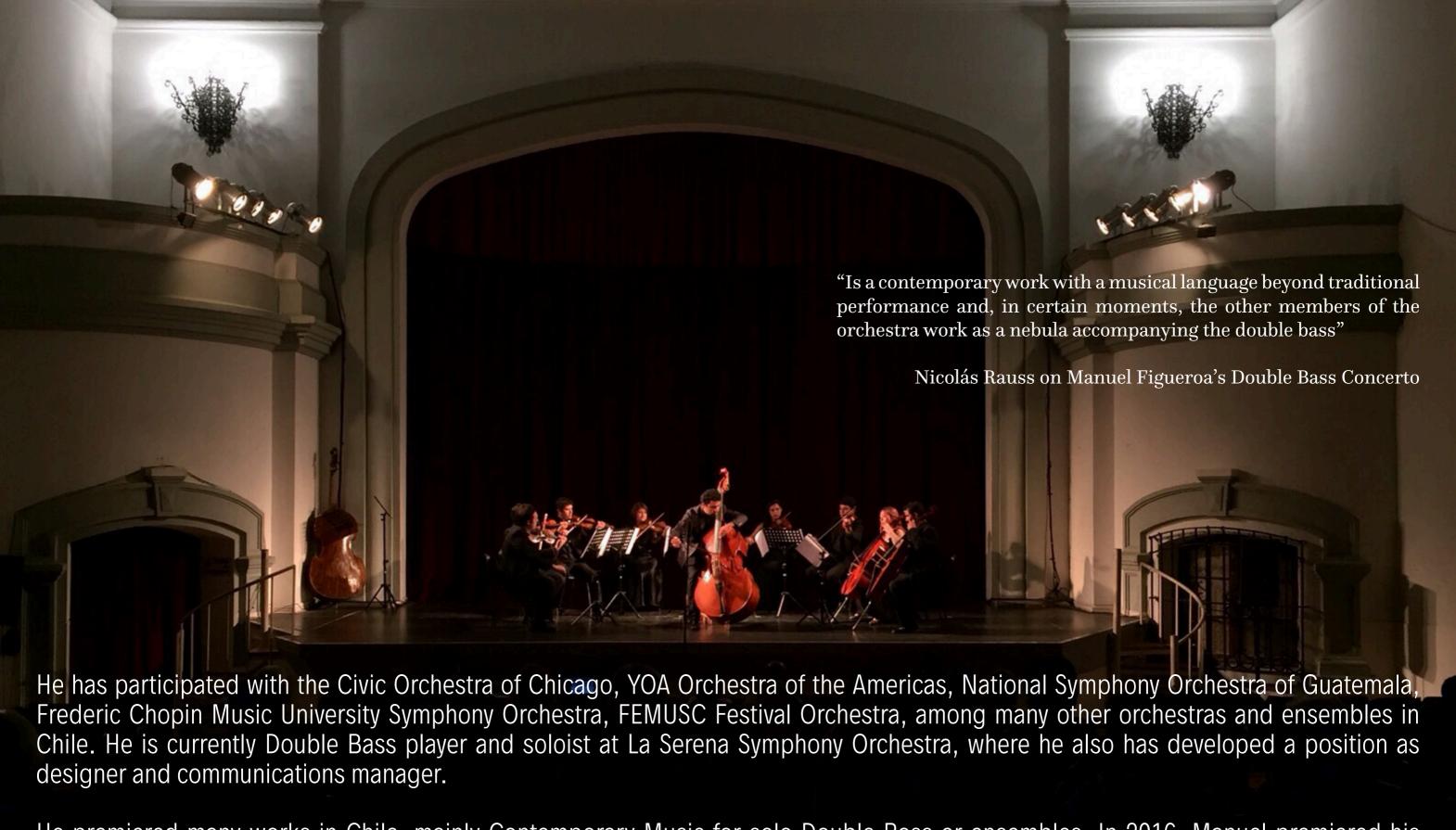


MANUEL FIGUEROA BOLVARÁN BASSIST - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR - COMPOSER







He premiered many works in Chile, mainly Contemporary Music for solo Double Bass or ensembles. In 2016, Manuel premiered his first Double Bass Concerto with La Serena Symphony Orchestra and Swiss conductor, Nicolas Rauss. In 2013, he participated with YOA Orchestra of The Americas and pianist Gabriela Montero in the recording of an album with works by Rachmaninov and Montero, which won the Latin Grammy as best album. He served as Musical Director for the album "La Pacificación de Chile" (The pacification of Chile) (2015), a critically acclaimed album by Chilean composer Esteban Correa.

As composer, Manuel wrote music for radio dramas such as "Voces del Más Allá" and "El Quijote de la Cuarta", two national works founded by the National Council of Culture and Arts. Also, he wrote music for "Yin Yin", a Chilean stage play by Andrea Franco and worked in the music restoration for "El Chacal de Nahueltoro" a famous Chilean film adapted for the visually impaired in 2017.

In 2017, Figueroa premiered his first ballet called "Yatiri and the brume fairy" based on the book by french writer Danièle Ball. This ballet is intended for youth orchestras and dance companies.

He often writes music for small ensembles as professor of Instrumental Ensembles at La Serena University.

As soloist, Manuel has played major concertos for the instrument, but he is also inclined to free improvisation with electronics, dancers, performance art and stage plays. In 2016, he performed with Ensemble Lux:NM (Germany) at MUSICAHORA contemporary music festival.

Manuel has visited Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Honduras, United States, Poland, Germany and Canada performer or cultural ambassador.

Appointments in 2018 includes concerts in Colombia, Germany, United States and Vienna.





CHAMBER MUSIC

As a chamber musician, Manuel has developed many activities that goes from education to performance. He has participated alongside with musicians: Leon Spierer (Berliner Philharmoniker), Catalin Rotaru, Kurt Nikkanen (New York City Ballet Orchestra), Maria Asteriadou, Soo Goo, among others. Manuel is also founder and artistic director of FIMCE (Elqui's International Chamber Music Festival) in Chile, and visiting professor at Kutztown University Summer Chamber Music Festival since 2014.

He has performed many times at the Chamber Music Season of La Serena Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Music Season of Elqui (Chile) and other concerts seasons such as the Concert Season of Andrónico Luksic Auditorium in Santiago, Chile.

Manuel's approach to chamber music has focused on rescuing Iberoamerican music for Double Bass and other instruments. He is part of Duo Iberoamericano with Chilean pianist, Victoria Vial where they perform works by Turina, Granados, Piazzola, Valls, etc.

CULTURAL MANAGEMENT

Manuel Figueroa is Alumnus from the Global Leaders Program's 2013 cohort and did mentorship for the 2014 cohort as well. During his period at GLP he served as mentor in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and the Chicago area.

He is Artistic Director and founder of Orquesta Universitaria La Serena, a Universidad de La Serena based youth orchestra which is also a GLP Alumni Initiative.

Manuel has a very active participation in the cultural landscape of his city, organizing concert seasons, talks, festivals, symposiums and helping gifted students to pursuit their careers.

Current positions:

Professor at La Serena University Music Department. Orchestral Training, Harmony and Counterpoint.

Double Bass and Communications Manager at La Serena Symphony Orchestra.

Double Bass teacher for the Regional Youth Orchestra and two youth orchestras in Andacollo and Vicuña cities.

Artistic Director of FIMCE Elqui's International Chamber Music Festival

Artistic Director of Orquesta Universitaria La Serena

Visiting professor at Kutztown Summer Chamber Music Festival







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DISCOGRAPHY

Double Bass:

"Gabriela Montero – YOA Orchestra of The Americas" (2013) (Orchid)

"Desde la IV Dimensión" – Julio Torres – (2015) (Fondart)

"Requiem" – W. A. Mozart / Frederic Chopin Symphony Orchestra (2010)

"Varias obras" - Francisco Silva Cárdenas (2017)

"Signo Macizo" – Esteban Correa (2016)

Artistic Direction:

"La Pacificación de Chile" – Grupo Septiembre / Esteban Correa (2014)

Composer:

"Voces del más allá", Seasons 2015 / 2016 (Fondart)

"El Quijote de la Cuarta" Season 2017



























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