

## **Jacob Hernández Romero, Cello**

*Colombia*

Jacob Hernandez is a Colombian-American cellist. He began his studies at the Thurnauer School of Music in New Jersey, USA, followed by the pre-college division at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University. He then continued his studies for several years at the pre-college division at the National University of Colombia in Bogotá, prior to completing his Bachelor's Degree in Cello Performance in 2023.

At age twelve, Jacob won first prize in the Prima Artists Competition and second prize in the Crescendo Competition. Jacob has also performed at notable venues like Weill Recital Hall - Carnegie Hall and Merkin Hall at the Kaufman Music Center. As an avid chamber musician, he has also had recent success with his Ensemble Zocoró, winning the prestigious Serie de Jóvenes Intérpretes and second prize in the Premio Música de Cámara given by the Orquesta Filarmónica de Bogotá.

Jacob has participated in projects with la Filarmónica Joven de Colombia, Filarmónica Juvenil de Bogotá and Sinfónica de Colombia. He has played in concert with Steven Isserlis, The Labèque Sisters, Andrés Orozco-Estrada, and Andres Cepeda. He also received masterclasses with Alexander Buzlov, Santiago Cañon-Valencia, Francisco Vila, and Evelien Prakke. His orchestral highlights include touring Europe with the Colombian National Youth Orchestra, including performances at Elbphilharmonie, The Royal Concertgebouw, and The Wiener Konzerthaus.

Jacob's predominant musical mentors in the United States have been Madeleine Golz, Mihai Marica, and Nang-Cheng Chen and in Colombia, Diego García and Cecilia Palma Román, respectively.