

Bolívar Soloists

*“Villazón was accompanied in this concert by the fantastic **Bolívar Soloists**, an international ensemble of twelve musicians... all of whom clearly shared the tenor’s genuine passion for the music and played with astonishing vitality and verve...”* Faye Courtney

The members of the Bolívar Soloists trained in the Venezuelan youth orchestra organization “El Sistema” and continued to study in Europe, thus bringing the best of both continents into a unique performing style: emotion and refinement, passion and understanding. Their repertoire combines the works of classical European composers with those coming from Latin-America. These original programmes convey the eclecticism of their musical expression; mixing elements of Latin-American folk with core classics making their concerts an explosive experience.

The Bolívar Soloists together with the Mexican Tenor Rolando Villazón recorded the CD “¡México!” for the Deutsche Grammophon. It was awarded the Echo Klassik 2011 in the category *Klassik ohne Grenzen*. They also released the CD “*Fuga a las Américas*” in 2012 and in 2013 two LPs (Vinyl) under the label Berliner Meister Schallplatten: “*Música de Astor Piazzolla*” and “*Música de Venezuela*” recorded with “Direct to Disc” technology.

In 2010 they toured Mexico with Rolando Villazón, performing for 9.000 people at the Auditorio Nacional. They have also performed in the most prestigious venues across Europe: Konzerthaus Vienna, the Philharmonies in Berlin and Munich, Royal Festival Hall in London and Salle Pleyel in Paris, to mention just a few. In 2012 they performed at the prestigious Festival Internacional Cervantino in Mexico.

The Bolívar Soloists count on a pool of guest musicians who enrich the programmes with creativity and great playing. Guests include other wind instruments such as the oboe, clarinet or trumpet, keyboards such as a piano or harpsichord, flamenco guitar and South-American native instruments including the cuatro or bandonion. These great artists bring their own expertise to the ensemble helping them to get the most authentic interpretations of the vast Latin American repertoire.

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