Houston Symphony Welcomes Bilingual Musical Ambassador/Assistant Conductor

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Originally from Medellin, Colombia, Botero has made significant contributions to the development and coaching of the next generation of orchestral musicians in his home country of Colombia. Earlier this year, Botero - assistant and resident conductor of the Colombian Youth Philharmonic - along with 14 musicians of the Houston Symphony, traveled to Colombia to coach and mentor the 100+ member ensemble as part of their educational partnership with the Houston Symphony. The project culminated with a side-by-side performance of Carmina Burana at Jones Hall.

"Orchestral music has a powerful ability to inspire, and the addition of Carlos' position serves to strengthen the connections that occur between listeners, musicians and the music itself," said Orozco-Estrada. "Carlos is a gifted musician and communicator, and I am excited that he will help the orchestra and me create an even deeper relationship to the Houston community."

Botero can be seen on the podium next month conducting the Mexican Institute of Greater Houston's Lunada concert, proudly celebrating its 11th year. This annual cultural event will be held at Miller Outdoor Theatre on Saturday, October 10, and will feature music from Latin American composers, including Pedro Elías Gutiérrez's Alma Llanera, Silvestre Revueltas' Janitzio, and Adolfo Mejía's Acuarela among many more.

Lunada is a ticketed event for the covered seating area. Free tickets are available (4 per person over age 16 while they last) at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office the day of the performance between the hours of 10:30am-1pm. If tickets remain at 1pm, the box office will re-open one hour before the concert time to distribute the remaining tickets. As always, there
is open seating on the hill.

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