



Elias
Rodriguez
clarinetist

Biography (300 words):

Praised for his "**smooth acrobatic tone, fierce finesse**" and "**virtuoso dynamics**" (The Millbrook Independent - New York), **Mexican-American clarinetist, Elias Rodriguez** has performed internationally throughout the Americas and Europe. After completing a **3-year artist residency** at **La Fondation des États-Unis** in **Paris, France**, where he also performed with **Ensemble Calliopée** and for the **United States Embassy France**, Elias joined the American wind quintet, **WindSync** (gold medalists of the international **Concert Artists Guild** competition for artist management). A soloist, chamber, and orchestral musician, Elias' repertoire includes anything from classical to jazz, folk, Jewish klezmer, and even his own improvisations and musical arrangements. Previous engagements include concerts at **Fontainebleau Castle** in France and on **New York's WQXR** as a concerto soloist with **The Orchestra Now**, with whom he performed on the stages of **Jazz at Lincoln Center** and **Carnegie Hall** in New York City. Elias has also appeared on **NPR's** classical music radio show "**From the Top**," and at music festivals around the world, including the **Grafenegg Festival** (Austria), **Banff Centre for the Arts** (Alberta, Canada), **Le Domaine Forget** (Quebec, Canada), **Bard Music Colombia**, and the **Orchestra of the Americas**. As a bass clarinetist, Elias was one of 8 semi-finalists for the international bass clarinet vacancy in the **Opera Orchestra of Montpellier** (France). Before embarking on his performing career, Elias worked in public schools as a band director in his native state of Texas. His training includes a degree in music education from **Baylor University** and graduate-level study in clarinet performance at the **University of Michigan**, **Bard College**, and the **École Normale de Musique de Paris**, where he was a student of **Patrick Messina** and **Jean-Marc Volta**, solo clarinet and bass clarinet of the **National Orchestra of France**. Elias is trilingual in English, Spanish, and French.

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