



## **Jorge Eduardo Garcia-Velasquez, Organist -Biography-**

Colombian Organist **Jorge Eduardo Garcia-Velasquez** received awards for his performance in Russia ("**Magnitogorsk**" award) in 2001 and Ukraine ("**Lemberg**" award) in 2004.

As protégé of **Maestro Bernhard Gfrerer**, **Jorge Eduardo** studied **Organ at the School Musical in Salzburg** where he moved after finishing his studies of Piano, Guitar and Trombone in Colombia.

**Jorge Eduardo** had a prolific time in Austria. By the hand of **Maestro Andreas Weber** he studied **Piano** at the **Mozarteum** in Salzburg. Then he moves to Linz where studied **organ and piano** at the **University of Bruckner** with Maestros **Nikolaus Wiplinger**, **Margit Heider** and **August Humer**. Also in Linz he studied Piano accompanist and choral directing at the **Bruckner-Universität** in Linz.

Another artistic facet and passion of **Garcia-Velasquez** is **Drama**. He studied drama at Ottensheim with Master **Anatoli Gluchov** and theater "**theatertabor**" in Linz. **Jorge Eduardo** holds also a Master from International University of Valencia, Spain on Performance and Music Research.

In Colombia **Jorge Eduardo Garcia-Velasquez** studied at Instituto Popular de Cultura, Antonio Maria Valencia's Conservatory, and Universidad del Valle. One of his biggest mentors was **Maestra Alina Sandoval**, and his parents Composer **Rodrigo Garcia** and Colombian Singer **MariaVe (Maria Victoria Velasquez)**.

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