

Rubén Darío Gómez

Conductor / Composer

Dr. Rubén Darío Gómez is the Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where he teaches conducting, leads the SIUE Wind Symphony, and organizes the SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival. He is also an active composer and clinician, with his works frequently performed in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America.

Originally from Colombia, Dr. Gómez earned his DMA in wind band conducting, with a secondary area in composition, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; his Master of Music at Middle Tennessee State University; and his Bachelor of Music at Universidad Industrial de Santander (Colombia).

His pieces have been performed and published in Colombia, Europe, and the U.S., and he has conducted bands and orchestras in Colombia, Brazil, Peru, and the United States. Some important awards include: the National Music Prize in Composition (Colombia, 2012), the National Scholarship for Colombians studying abroad (2016), and the American Student Composer Competition, held by the Met Winds in Boston (2019). He has presented at prestigious academic events, including the WASBE International Conference, the CBDNA National Conference, and the Midwest Clinic. He is a recipient of the Hixon-Lied Fellowship and the F. Pace Woods Scholarship, offered by the Hixon-Lied College of Performing Arts at UNL. He is the current co-director of the Edwardsville Municipal Band and music director of the Saint Louis Wind Symphony.

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