

ORFORD SPECIAL EDITION
MUSIC AWARD
2020



JUSTIN ALMAZAN

Instrument: Alto

Teacher: André Roy

Studies: McGill Schulich
School of Music

Age: 29 years old

As an orchestral musician, Justin Almazan has performed with the Vancouver Symphony, Seattle Symphony and Montreal Symphony Orchestras. Previously, Justin served as Principal Viola of the Sarasota Music Festival and the Bach Weimar Academy in Germany.

Equally devoted to chamber music, Justin Almazan has performed with Kim Kashkashian, Joseph Silverstein, James Buswell, and Philip Setzer, as well as with principal players of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Violist of the Persée String Quartet, Justin, and his colleagues were accepted to the McGill International String Quartet Academy as a senior quartet. They were selected to compete in the International String Quartet Competition "Premio Paolo Borciani" in Italy. In 2017, Justin toured Italy as a member of the Milton String Quartet's Fischhoff Competition Grand Prize Tour.

International festival invitations include Prussia Cove, the Emilia-Romagna and Casalmaggiore festivals in Italy, the Thy Chamber Music Festival in Denmark, the Stavanger Kammermusik Festival in Norway, the Britten-Pears Young Artists Programme in Great Britain, the Heifetz Music Institute and the New York String Orchestra Seminar.

Recipient of an Artist Diploma and finalist for the McGill University Schulich School of Music's Golden Violin Award, Justin Almazan currently studies with André Roy. He is a former student of Paul Coletti and Arnold Steinhardt at the Colburn School, and Lynne Ramsey and Robert Vernon at the Cleveland Institute of Music.