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THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITY MUSIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF THE 2021 GEORGE PROCTOR PRIZE

The Canadian University Music Society is pleased to announce that **Luis Ramirez** is the recipient of the **2021 George Proctor Prize** for his presentation entitled "**The Online Composer-Audience Collaboration".**

The George Proctor Prize is awarded for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the annual conference of the Canadian University Music Society. This award is for original research in any recognized branch of musical scholarship.

Originally from Aguascalientes, Mexico, **Luis Ramirez** began an early career as a pianist, and his interest in composition emerged as a result of his enthusiasm for performing contemporary music. He has had multiple works commissioned, with premieres in Italy, Canada, and Mexico.

His main interests include internet culture and online music-making, with recent participation at the American Musicological Society NYSSL chapter conference, the Carleton Music and Culture Symposium, the Innovation in Music Conference in London, UK, and the YouTube Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. His work *Chido* was premiered by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra during the WNMF 2018 as winner of the CMC Prairie Region Emerging Composer Competition, and in 2019 it was awarded the first prize of the Sir Ernest MacMillan Awards of the SOCAN Foundation. Other prestigious awards include the OAC Music Creation Projects Grant with Amarras Tango Quintet and the Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award. He was recently selected as a Composer Fellow for the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

An eclectic musician, Luis has toured as a classical pianist, performed Latin-American music, conducted the Brandon Community Orchestra, presented his academic research at several conferences, and is currently a member of the Amarras Tango Quintet. He is pursuing doctoral studies at York University in Toronto with Randolph Peters exploring the digital landscape for music-making and our pernicious dynamics with the internet.