

Rene Izquierdo - BIO

Cuban guitarist Rene Izquierdo graduated from the Conservatorio Guillermo Tomás, the Conservatorio Amadeo Roldán and the Superior Institute of Art in Havana. At the conclusion of his studies in Cuba, Izquierdo came to the United States where he earned a Master of Music degree and an Artist Diploma degree from Yale, where he studied with Benjamin Verdery. While at Yale, Izquierdo represented the university in an exchange program with the Conservatoire National de Musique et de Danse du Paris where worked with guitarists Olivier Chassain and Roland Dyens.

Izquierdo has appeared as a soloist and in chamber music concerts throughout the United States, Cuba and Europe. He has shared the stage with prestigious guitarists including Eliot Fisk, Benjamin Verdery and Jorge Morel, as well as renowned utist Ransom Wilson, soprano Lucy Shelton, David Jolley and Paquito d’Rivera. Renowned composers such as Jorge Morel and Carlos R. Rivera have dedicated works to him.

Izquierdo is a recipient of numerous awards. He is a winner of the JoAnn Falletta International Guitar Competition, the Extremadura International Guitar Competition, the Schadt String Competition, the Stotsenberg International Guitar Competition, among others. He is currently a professor of classical guitar at the Wisconsin State University in Milwaukee and an active solo performer and chamber musician.