



Josué Valdepeñas

Originally from Toronto, Josué Valdepeñas grew up in a family of musicians. He was passionate about music from a young age, and began his studies as a pianist. A curiosity soon developed for the cello, which became his primary focus in high school. He spent his undergraduate degree studying at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, and then moved to Los Angeles for two years of graduate studies at The Colburn School. In 2015, he moved to Calgary to join the Calgary Philharmonic Cello Section, and towards the end of his first season with the CPO he was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal Cello.

Since joining the orchestra, Mr. Valdepeñas has become increasingly involved in the organization outside of his role as a cellist. He served a term as Harassment Advisor, and is a current member of numerous committees including the AREDI Committee (Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) as well as the orchestra's Negotiating Committee.

He holds strong ideals of fairness and equality, which will be the basis for his representation of the membership of Local 547. In his spare time he enjoys being outdoors, BBQing, watching Raptors basketball, and spending quality time with his Finnish Lapphund Kawhi Leonard.