

Maestro Juan Felipe Molano graduated with special honors as an orchestral and opera conductor from the Vienna Conservatory in Austria. Maestro Molano has led a vibrant teaching and performing career conducting top professional and youth orchestras in Europe, Asia, South America and the US, such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Seattle Symphony, Monterey Symphony, Slovak Radio Symphony, Youth Orchestra of the Americas, Simon Bolivar Symphony of Venezuela, Colombian National Symphony, Bogota Philharmonic, and many others. Orchestras he has served as Music Director include Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, Yucatan Symphony, Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra, Colombian Youth Philharmonic, Colombian National Youth System of Orchestras, among others. After an international search in 2019, Molano was appointed Music Director of Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Marrowstone Music Festival. He is also currently part of the Artistic Council for the Morelia International Music Festival, in Mexico, as well as the Music Director for their Sinfonietta. Molano has served as a Board member for the League of American Orchestras, YOD, since 2024. He has participated in several international conferences as a speaker, including a TEDx talk in 2018. Molano received an award from the Colombian Foreign Affairs Ministry and RCN in Washington D.C. as one of the more prominent Colombians in the United States. Molano, who has a deep passion for education, has taught at various universities such as Bard College, Yucatan Superior School of Arts, National University of Colombia, Eafit University, and is committed to inspiring orchestras and enriching audiences from the podium. Upcoming season highlights include concerts as a conductor in the U.S., Mexico, Singapore and Colombia.

Molano lives in Seattle with his wife and two daughters.