LUIS SANZ (BIO)

Born in August 2, 1994 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Award-winning artist Luis Sanz is a

talented cuatro player, composer, musical director of Hermanos Sanz and professor at the

Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. Luis earned a Bachelor’s degree in Music

Composition at the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music with his mentor Alfonso Fuentes.

At the same time, he earned a Bachelor’s degree at Inter-American University of Puerto

Rico in Bass performance with Professor Samuel Morales, with a minor in Music Education.

Luis holds a Master in Music Composition at University of North Carolina School of the

Arts (UNCSA) with Professor Lawrence Dillon.

He began playing the Puerto Rican cuatro at the age of four; by age nine he had appeared

with the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra. Luis’ creative development and talent in

improvisation brought him to arranging and composing works that has been perform in

China, Spain, United Kingdom, France, South America and the United States. He has

produced four recording albums. In 2016, he received a recognition for outstanding contribution in the cuatro instrument by the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance of Chicago. Luis headlined the Latin Grammy Award 2017 show with Residente, and collaborated with Lin-Manuel Miranda on music for a new film about Puerto Rican culture. In 2018, Luis composed the film score and music

performance for the documentary “Pa’ Lante”. Also, he was selected as the ambassador

of the cuatro for the Puerto Rican Parade at New York and was awarded of the

Chancellor’s Artpreneur Grant by the Kenan Institute for the Arts at UNCSA, 2019. His

album Cuatro Sinfónico was awarded as the top 5 by the category 2019 Best Puerto

Rican Recordings by “Fundación Nacional para la Cultura Popular”.

Recently, Luis released his new music project Cuatro Beats that brings together Puerto

Rican folk sounds with rap music to expand the repertoire of the Puerto Rican cuatro. The

listeners can enjoy a chill instrumental trap music with an experimental fresh cuatro

sound. Cuatro Beats official music video was created with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and

is available in his YouTube channel Luis Sanz Music.