



Meriel Lora is a music instructor at Williston Trinity Christian. He began piano lessons and solfeggio at the age of eight. He formed and conducted the orchestra of *Centro Musical Vivaldi* from 2005 to 2007, and served as young assistant conductor for the National Youth Symphony in the Dominican Republic.

In the fall of 2008 he entered Walla Walla University where he received a B.A. in music with an emphasis in piano under the guidance of Dr. Leonard Richter, and served as assistant conductor to the Walla Walla University orchestra. As a student of Dr. Richter, Lora won gold and silver at the 2011 and 2012 Spokane Festival in the Baroque and Romantic Piano Divisions.

He later received a Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting from Andrews University under the tutelage of Dr. Claudio Gonzalez where he served as the graduate assistant conductor of the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, Founder and Conductor of the Andrews University Community Orchestra, and Conductor of the Andrews University Chamber Orchestra.

During the 2014 fall season, he served as the assistant conductor for the Clark College Symphony Orchestra in Vancouver, Washington, and Associate Conductor of the Jewish Community Orchestra in Portland, Oregon. He has also studied conducting with Francisco Hernandez, Darwin Aquino, John Dennison, Brandon Beck, Claudio Gonzalez, and Donald Appert, and participated in conducting workshops with Adrian Gnam, Gregory Pritchard, and Radu Pantea.