

## Francisco Fullana, *violin*



Spanish violinist **Francisco Fullana** has been praised as a “rising star” (*BBC Music Magazine*) and “frighteningly awesome” (*Buffalo News*). His thoughtful virtuosity has led to collaborations with conducting greats like the late Sir Colin Davis, Hans Graf, and Gustavo Dudamel, who described Fullana as “an amazing talent.” Besides his career as a soloist, which includes recent debuts with the Philadelphia and St. Paul Chamber Orchestras and the Buffalo Philharmonic, he is making an impact as an innovative

educator. He created the Fortissimo Youth Initiative, a series of seminars and performances in partnership with youth and university orchestras, which explore and deepen young musicians’ understanding of 18th-century music. His first CD, *Through the Lens of Time* (released by Orchid Classics), showcases both his incandescent virtuosity and the range of his artistic inquisitiveness. The album is centered around Max Richter’s re-composition of Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*, recorded alongside the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and has been praised by critics as “explosive” (*Gramophone*) and “electric and virtuosic” (*The Strad*). He was awarded the 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant and was a first prize winner of the Johannes Brahms and Angel Munetsugu International Violin Competitions. He is currently a member of The Bowers Program at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. A graduate of The Juilliard School and the University of Southern California, he performs on the 1735 Mary Portman ex-Kreisler Guarneri del Gesù violin, on loan from Clement and Karen Arrison through the Stradivari Society of Chicago.