

VIRGINIA MENESES

I was born in the city of Los Andes on the 25th of February 2000. In 2009, my mother and sister and I looked for a place to teach music because no one could look after me in the afternoons.

We looked in the cultural centre but there were no places and while we were walking down the street, we saw a children's orchestra which had been created a short time ago and fortunately for me, they gave free lessons and instruments.

From that moment on my musical journey began in the orchestra, where I learned discipline, perseverance and unconditional love for music.

For 8 years I was part of that orchestra, with classes from Monday to Friday after school. That was my world, thanks to music, I was saved from being on the streets.

In third grade I applied to the FOJI and in fourth grade I decided to study music, I was quite hesitant because of the amount of prejudices that existed, but when I left high school in 2018, I entered the PUCV conservatory, completing it in 2020.

Since I began to dedicate myself to music, I have participated working in different institutions, ensembles and I have attended numerous courses of musical improvement in the country and abroad.

At present, I work as a musical director in the "Camerata Cordillera" and in the "Orquesta Juvenil e Infantil de San Pedro". I also give private violin lessons.