

# Rubén Carughi

## *Biography*

*Rubén Carughi served for over 30 years as Principal Trombone with both the Entre Ríos and Santa Fe Symphony Orchestras. During that time, he also taught trombone, euphonium, and tuba at Music School No. 9901 (Santa Fe Children's and Youth Orchestra) and the Higher Institute of Music at the National University of the Litoral.*

*Since 1986, he has been a member of the Santa Fe Jazz Ensemble (Big Band). He studied in Argentina with Jorge Chiappero Favre, Wilfredo Cardoso, Gaspar Licciardone, and Víctor Hugo Gervini, and in Germany with Christhard Gössling (Berlin Philharmonic).*

*He received scholarships from the National Endowment for the Arts (1988) and the Santa Fe Province's Undersecretariat of Culture (1991). He performed as Principal Trombone with the Municipal Band "Ciudad de Santa Fe" for eight years and played Rimsky-Korsakov's Concerto for Trombone and Band with them in 1995.*

*Carughi founded numerous popular music groups including Ritmo Internacional, Zandunga, Onda Latina, Santa Fe Latin Jazz, Sonora D'irse Salsa Band, and Picante Latin Jazz. In 2000, he founded and continues to organize TROMBONANZA, one of the most recognized trombone festivals worldwide.*

*He has appeared as a soloist with various orchestras and toured Argentina in 2004 with "Trombones en Gira," offering free concerts. He's also played and recorded extensively in Santa Fe's cumbia scene.*

*Internationally, he has taught in Peru, Vietnam, Cuba, Brazil, Panama, Colombia, and Chile. He was a guest at the University of Oklahoma and taught advanced brass courses throughout Argentina. He has participated in major festivals such as UNIRIO Trombone Festival (Rio), Tourbon Trombone Festival (Chile), and Arequipa Brass Week (Peru).*

*His many honors include recognition from the International Trombone Association (2011), the City of Santa Fe's Mask Award, the First National Award for Excellence (2012), the Escenario de Oro Award (2014), and a Carlos Gardel Award (2018) for his role as musical director in Los Palmeras y la Filarmónica Santa Fe y Coro.*

*As of December 2024, he is officially retired, allowing more time to perform with his salsa group “Changuitos,” direct the Santa Fe Jazz Ensemble, organize TROMBONANZA, and enjoy swimming and water polo.*