



# MIGUEL BONAL

VIOLA DA GAMBA

## BIOGRAPHY

Born in Zaragoza in 1999, Miguel Bonal discovered the viola da gamba at the age of six, an instrument that captivated him with its intimate sound and unique expressivity. At seven he enrolled at the Conservatorio de Música de Zaragoza, where he studied with Fernando Marín.

His dedication to the instrument led him, at eighteen, to move to Barcelona to pursue higher studies at the **Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya (ESMUC)** under the guidance of Emmanuel Balsa, graduating with the highest honours (*Matrícula de Honor*). In 2021 he relocated to The Hague to complete a Master's degree at the **Royal Conservatory of The Hague** with Mienneke van der Velden, finishing *Cum Laude* with special distinction for his «outstanding virtuosity and musicianship».

He has received guidance from performers such as Guido Balestracci, Marianne Muller, Myriam Rignol, Vittorio Ghielmi, and Wieland Kuijken, and collaborates with artists including Olivier Fortin (Ensemble Masques) and Manuel Minguillón (Collegium Musicum Madrid). His concert career has taken him to festivals and venues across Europe, South Korea, and Mexico.

## DISCOGRAPHY

### From Silence • Alpha Classics • Alpha 1165 • 2026

Debut solo album for Alpha Classics, part of the *Baroque Stories* series. A programme spanning three centuries of writing for the viola da gamba: from Tobias Hume and Marin Marais to Bach's Suite BWV 1008 and the evocations of Fauré and Tárrega. With Jeremy Nastasi, archlute.

## PRESS

«*Bonal's playing reveals the resonance of his viol, exquisite articulations, and a handling of silence that speak of an exceptional performer.*»

Manuel de Lara Ruiz · Scherzo, 2026

«*This is the solo recording debut of Spanish viol player Miguel Bonal, and it is truly magnificent. He is a genuine pleasure to hear.*»

William Yeoman · Gramophone, 2026

«*We are undoubtedly in the presence of a talent to watch, with an international reach.*»

Mario Guada · Codalario, 2024

## AWARDS

### 2020 First Prize · EMCY Award

Juventudes Musicales de España Competition

### 2021 Runner-up · Critics' Prize · Premio Catalunya Música

Primer Palau de la Música de Barcelona

### 2026 Exceptional Recording · Scherzo

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