John De La Paz, clarinetist

Clarinetist John De La Paz has performed, taught and studied throughout the United States. He has also performed in Europe and Mexico with an upcoming series of recitals and master classes throughout Japan (summer 2016). As a performer, Mr. De La Paz has been in demand as both collaborative musician and soloist. He has performed as a soloist and ensemble member at International Clarinet Association conferences and the University of Oklahoma Clarinet Symposium. Most recently, Mr. De La Paz held the position of Concert Master for the internationally acclaimed University of Nevada Las Vegas Wind Orchestra. Along with recordings on the Klavier and Naxos music labels, Mr. De La Paz has also performed in world premieres of several works by internationally recognized composers.
Additional ensemble performances include ACE (Arizona Contemporary Ensemble) Nextet (a "new music" ensemble at UNLV), the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, and the Las Vegas Philharmonic Orchestra and the Las Vegas Music Festival. Mr. De La Paz's orchestral training includes studies with Mr. Gregory Smith (Chicago Symphony Orchestra)) József Balogh (Budapest Radio Symphony) and Dr. David Ross (El Paso Symphony Orchestra). Currently, Mr. De La Paz is pursuing a Doctoral of Musical Arts degree at the University of Arizona under Professor Jerry Kirkbride.