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**Alondra de la Parra**  
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One of the only young females to make waves in the conducting world, de la Parra—born in Mexico (and now the Cultural Ambassador for Mexican Tourism)—is only 28 and already a major name. She is the artistic director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas (which she helped found), and has conducted the New World Symphony, Houston, and San Antonio Orchestras, and has worked with Geoffrey Rush, Joshua Bell, and the same Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela that bred Dudamel's talent. De la Parra also has the awesome distinction of being the first Mexican woman to conduct a concert in New York City.

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