



As an artist, Mauricio performs with the Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Unified Percussion Ensemble. UP was created in 2008 and has performed, at the PAS: Valley Day of Percussion, with nationally and internationally recognized percussionists such as Lalo Davila, Brian Zator, Mark Ford, George Frock and Matt Savage.

Prior to his work at Sharyland Independent School District, Mauricio received a Bachelor's degree in Music (with Teacher Certification) from Texas A&M Kingsville where he studied Mr. Randy Fluman. While at Texas A&M Kingsville, Mauricio performed with the TAMUK Percussion Ensemble and Symphonic Band at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention as well as the College Band Directors National Association Conference at the University of Houston. In addition to Mauricio's professional duties with Sharyland Independent School District, he maintains a private percussion studio, and is active as an artist, clinician, and adjudicator. Mauricio is a proud member of the Innovative Percussion Artist & Education Team.

Mauricio Castellano is currently the Director of Percussion at Pioneer High School in Mission, TX and serves as conductor of the Concert Band. The Pioneer Marching Band has been a consecutive participant of the Texas 5A State Marching Contest, served as BOA Regional Finalists on multiple occasions as well as Regional Class Champions. Percussionists under Mauricio's guidance have routinely earned placement in UIL regional and state competitions for band, orchestra, jazz and have earned many outstanding performer awards at local and regional jazz festivals.

Additionally, the Pioneer Percussion Section has won the Roma Drumline Contest, been a multi-medalist in the Texas Educational Color Guard Association Indoor Percussion Circuit, and has been invited to perform at the Percussive Arts Society's Valley Day of Percussion. In the spring of 2018, the Pioneer High School Percussion Ensemble was named winner of the Percussive Arts Society International Percussion Ensemble Competition and performed a showcase concert at PASIC '18 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This marked the first time the ensemble received this prestigious honor. The ensemble premiered music by Jesus J. Martinez and performed with renowned percussionist Matt Penland.

