

# RACHEL WADDELL, Conductor

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Committed to 21<sup>st</sup> century orchestras through innovation, artistic excellence, and organizational diversity and growth. Award-winning programmer and collaborator with over ten years of professional activity. To create shared musical experiences where all feel inspired and welcome, I imagine a future where orchestras, our programs, and audiences reflect, align, and ally with our communities.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Director of Orchestras, Assistant Professor</b> School of Music, Theatre, and Dance Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO	2023 – Present
<b>Co-Founder and President</b> Conductors for Change, Inc., NY	2020 – Present
<b>Music Director Finalist</b> Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, MI	2020 – 2023
<b>Director of Orchestral Activities, Assistant Professor</b> <b>Director of Orchestral Activities, Lecturer</b> Arthur Satz Department of Music University of Rochester, NY	2021 – Present 2017 – 2021
<b>Associate Conductor</b> <b>Assistant Conductor</b> Canton Symphony Orchestra, OH	2015 – 2017 2012 – 2015
<b>Founder and Music Director</b> New Horizons Chamber Orchestra, OH	2015 – 2017
<b>Music Director</b> Canton Youth Symphonies, OH	2012 – 2017
<b>Principal Conductor</b> Philharmonia, Northern Ohio Youth Orchestras Oberlin Conservatory, OH	2014 – 2015
<b>Cover Conductor and Rehearsal Assistant</b> Las Vegas Philharmonic, NV	2011 – 2012

	<b>Director of Choral Activities, Visiting Assistant Professor</b> Kent State University – Stark Kent, OH		2015 – 2016
<b>GUEST CONDUCTING</b>	Geneseo Symphony Orchestra, NY Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, MI Fort Wayne Philharmonic, IN Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, NY Suburban Symphony Orchestra, OH Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, OH Las Vegas Philharmonic, NV Flagstaff Light Opera Company, AZ Greater Hartford Women Composers Festival CT		2022 2021 2020 2017 2016 2015 2011 – 2012 2010 2009
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Certificate, Music Industry Essentials</b> Institute for Recorded Music, NYU Tisch NYC, NY  <b>Doctor of Musical Arts, Orchestra Conducting</b> University of Nevada, Las Vegas Las Vegas, NV  <b>Master of Music, Orchestra Conducting</b> Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ  <b>Bachelor of Music, Composition</b> Concentration: Vocal Performance The Hartt School of Music West Hartford, CT		2021 – 2021  2012 – 2015  2009 – 2012  2006 – 2009
<b>ADDITIONAL TRAINING</b>	Conducting Program <i>Domaine Forget de Charlevoix</i> Québec, Canada  Conducting Masterclass Vienna Opera Academy, Austria  Conducting Intensive The Juilliard School, NY  Fort Wayne Philharmonic International Conductor Workshop and Competition, IN	Yannick Nézet-Séguin Kensho Watanabe  Toby Purser  Mark Shapiro  Ennio Nicotra, Andrew Constantine	2023  2022  2021  2020

Dallas Opera Hart Institute for Women Conductors	Emmanuel Villaume, Carlo Montanaro, Nicole Paiement, Elizabeth Askren	2019
International Conducting Institute NYC	Silas Nathaniel Huff, David Leibowitz	2019
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Fundamentals of Orchestral Conducting, TX	Miguel Harth-Bedoya	2018
Miami Music Festival Conducting Institute, FL	Larry Rachleff, David Efron, Jacomo Bairos, Michael Rossi, Yuriy Bekker	2016
Bard College-Conservatory of Music The Conductor's Institute, NY	Harold Farberman, Eduardo Navega, Apo Hsu, Lawrence Golan, Raymond Harvey	2010

**AWARDS AND FUNDING**

<i>Conductors for Change IdeaLab</i> The Puffin Foundation Grant, Teaneck, NJ	Recipient	2022
<i>"Reimagining Beethoven"</i> Best Virtual Performance, College Orchestra The American Prize, National	Finalist	2021
<i>"Reimagining Beethoven"</i> LIT Talent Awards, International	Best Instrumental Performance Platinum Winner	2021 2021
Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award in Orchestral Programming for Conductors The American Prize, National	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Winner	2020
<i>Women in Music</i> Project Grant Humanities Center University of Rochester, NY	Recipient	2020
Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award in Orchestral Programming for Conductors The American Prize, National	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	2020
<i>Leonard Bernstein</i> Project Grant Humanities Center University of Rochester, NY	Recipient	2018

New Horizons Chamber Orchestra Workshop Grant Associated Chamber Music Players, NYC	Recipient	2015
Twenty Under 40! Award <i>The Canton Repository</i> , OH	Recipient	2015
Canton Youth Symphonies Classics Alive Foundation, Los Angeles, CA	Youth Orchestra of the Year	2015

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

Supermajority Majority Leaders Conductors for Change And We Were Heard Alpha Chi National Honor Society	College Orchestra Directors Association, (CODA) Conductors Guild League of American Orchestras
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