

RACHEL WADDELL, Conductor

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Committed to 21st 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

Co-Founder and President Conductors for Change, Inc., NY	2020 – Present
Music Director Finalist Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, MI	2020 – 2022
Director of Orchestral Activities, Assistant Professor Director of Orchestral Activities, Lecturer Arthur Satz Department of Music University of Rochester, NY	2021 – Present 2017 – 2021
Associate Conductor Assistant Conductor Canton Symphony Orchestra, OH	2015 – 2017 2012 – 2015
Founder and Music Director New Horizons Chamber Orchestra, OH	2015 – 2017
Music Director Canton Youth Symphonies, OH	2012 – 2017
Principal Conductor Philharmonia, Northern Ohio Youth Orchestras Oberlin Conservatory, OH	2014 – 2015
Cover Conductor and Rehearsal Assistant Las Vegas Philharmonic, NV	2011 – 2012
Director of Choral Activities, Visiting Assistant Professor Kent State University – Stark Kent, OH	2015 – 2016

GUEST CONDUCTING	Geneseo Symphony Orchestra, NY		2022
	Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, MI		2021
	Fort Wayne Philharmonic, IN		2020
	Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, NY		2017
	Suburban Symphony Orchestra, OH		2016
	Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, OH		2015
	Las Vegas Philharmonic, NV		2011 – 2012
	Flagstaff Light Opera Company, AZ		2010
Greater Hartford Women Composers Festival CT		2009	
EDUCATION	Certificate, Music Industry Essentials		2021 – 2021
	Institute for Recorded Music, NYU Tisch NYC, NY		
	Doctor of Musical Arts, Orchestra Conducting		2012 – 2015
	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Las Vegas, NV		
Master of Music, Orchestra Conducting		2009 – 2012	
Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ			
Bachelor of Music, Composition		2006 – 2009	
Concentration: Vocal Performance The Hartt School of Music West Hartford, CT			
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Conducting Intensive	Mark Shapiro	2021
	The Juilliard School, NY		
	Fort Wayne Philharmonic International Conductor Workshop and Competition, IN	Ennio Nicotra, Andrew Constantine	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>“Reimagining Beethoven”</i> Best Virtual Performance, College Orchestra The American Prize, National	Finalist (Currently in Deliberation)	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 rd 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 nd 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