

# Rachel L. Waddell, D.M.A.

## ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

"At once spunky and intimate, it was as if she thoughtfully absorbed every musical passage – whether calm and enchanting, or turbulent – and at the same time seemed to pour every note back into the ensemble. It was a sensibility eagerly reciprocated by the orchestra as it responded with marvelous tonal depth and palpable exuberance." –*Cleveland Classical*

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRAL ACTIVITIES**, University of Rochester Music Department (NY), 2017-Present

- **MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR**, University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra
- **MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR**, University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra
- **DIRECTOR**, University of Rochester Chamber Ensemble Program

## PRIOR POSITIONS

**ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR**, Canton Symphony Orchestra (OH), 2012 – 2017

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**, Canton Youth Symphonies (OH), 2012 – 2017

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR**, Canton Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Camps, 2013 – 2017

**CO-FOUNDER AND MUSIC DIRECTOR**, New Horizons Chamber Orchestra (OH), 2015 – 2017

**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES**, Kent State University – Stark (OH), 2015 – 16

**CONDUCTOR**, Philharmonia Orchestra, Northern Ohio Youth Orchestras, Oberlin Conservatory, 2014 – 15

**APPRENTICE CONDUCTOR**, Las Vegas Philharmonic (NV), 2011 – 12

**CONDUCTOR**, Las Vegas Civic Orchestra (NV), 2011 – 12

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**, Las Vegas Korean Youth Orchestras (NV), 2011 – 12

## GUEST CONDUCTING

**CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (OH)**, April 2016, February 2016, November 2014, and January 2014

**SUBURBAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (CLEVELAND, OH)**, March 2016

**LAS VEGAS PHILHARMONIC (NV)**, December 2011 and January 2012

**FLAGSTAFF LIGHT OPERA COMPANY (AZ)**, December 2010

**GREATER HARTFORD WOMEN COMPOSERS' FESTIVAL (CT)**, 2008 and 2009

## CONCERTS (2015-16 AND 2016-17 SEASONS)

*"Bear on a Bike/Oso en un Biccicleta"*, Bi-Lingual KinderConcert, Canton Symphony Orchestra, May 3 – 4, 2017

Canton Youth Symphonies Spring Concert, April 30, 2017

Canton Youth Symphonies Winter Concert, February 26, 2017

"Speedbumps with the Symphony," Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, February 11, 2017

"A Night in Vienna," Canton Symphony Orchestra Masterworks, January 28, 2017

"A Swingin' Holiday," Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, December 4, 2016

Canton Youth Symphonies Fall Concert with *Ballet Le Rêve*, November 20, 2017

"The Music of Bowie & Prince," Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, November 10, 2016

"Music Takes Shape," Canton Symphony Young People's Concert, October 20, 2016

Petros Park Concert, Canton Symphony Orchestra Summer Serenades, September 4, 2016

Miami Music Festival Final Concert, New World Symphony Center (FL), Videography, July 23, 2016  
 Conductor's Showcase, Miami Music Festival Orchestra (FL), July 22, 2016  
 New Horizons Chamber Orchestra Inaugural Concert (OH), June 22, 2016  
 KSU-Stark Chorale and Choir Spring Concert Showcase (OH), May 2, 2016  
 "Youth Orchestra of the Year Concert" Canton Youth Symphonies with Lindsay Deutsch, May 1, 2016  
 "Transformations", Canton Symphony Orchestra Masterworks, April 23, 2016  
 "Touch the Brightest Star", Canton Symphony Orchestra KinderConcert, April 13 – 14, 2016  
 "The Music of Queen," Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, April 7, 2016  
 "A Look Forward," Suburban Symphony Orchestra (Cleveland, OH), March 13, 2016  
 Canton Guitar Society with the Canton Youth Symphony and Strings, February 28, 2016  
 "Young at Heart," Canton Symphony Orchestra Masterworks with Canton Youth Symphony, February 14, 2016  
 City of Green Holiday Concert, Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, December 16, 2015  
 Holiday Pops, Canton Symphony Orchestra POPS, December 6, 2015  
 "Love and Light," KSU-Stark Chorale and Chorus Winter Concert (OH), December 4, 2015  
 Canton Youth Symphonies Fall Concert, November 15, 2015  
 "Revolutionary Classics," Canton Symphony Orchestra Young People's Concert, October 22, 2015  
 Petros Park Concert, Canton Symphony Orchestra Summer Serenades, September 6, 2015

## **MASTERCLASSES AND FESTIVALS**

<p><b>Miami Music Festival (FL)</b>            Summer 2016</p>	<p><b>Assistant Conductor</b>            Instructors: Larry Rachleff, David Effron, Jacomo Bairos, Michael Rossi, Yuriy Bekker</p>
<p><b>Oberlin Conservatory Conducting Workshop (OH)</b>            Summer 2014</p>	<p><b>Participant</b>            Instructors: John Nelson, Jason Harris, Jo-Michael Scheibe, and Janet Galvan</p>
<p><b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas Conducting Masterclass (NV)</b>            Spring 2012</p>	<p><b>Participant</b>            Instructors: David Loebel, Taras Krysa</p>
<p><b>The Conductor's Institute at Bard College Conservatory of Music (NY)</b>            Summer 2010</p>	<p><b>Participant, Fellow</b>            Instructors: Harold Farberman, Eduardo Navega, Apo Hsu, Lawrence Golan, and Raymond Harvey</p>
<p><b>Rose City International Conducting Workshop (OR)</b>            Summer 2008</p>	<p><b>Participant</b>            Instructors: Christopher Zimmerman, David Hoose, and Ken Woods</p>

## **EDUCATION**

**DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS IN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTING**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2015)  
**MASTER OF MUSIC IN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTING**, Northern Arizona University (2011)  
**BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN COMPOSITION**, The Hartt School of Music, CT (2009)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alpha Chi

College Orchestra Directors Association (CODA)

Conductors Guild

League of American Symphony Orchestras

National Honor Society

Ohio Music Education Association (OCMEA)

## TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CONFERENCES

### ACADEMIC AND TEACHING POSITIONS

**University of Rochester  
(NY)**

2017- Present

**DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRAL ACTIVITIES**

**Coursework:**

Music Director and Conductor of the University Symphony and Chamber Orchestras

Director of the University Chamber Ensemble Program

Arranging and Orchestration, Conducting, Music Appreciation

**Spring Garden Waldorf  
School (OH)**

2016- 2017

**STRINGS AND ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR**

Grade 3 and 4 Violin, Grade 5 Strings, Grade 6, 7, and 8 Orchestra

**Kent State University,  
Stark (OH)**

2015-2016

**VISITING PROFESSOR, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
CHORAL ACTIVITIES, MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Coursework:**

Interim Music Director of KSU Chorale and Chorus

Understanding Music (Online and In-Person), Elementary Conducting

**Malone College (OH)**

Summer 2015

**CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP**

**Coursework:**

Music History

Chamber Ensemble Coach

**Massillon and Canton  
Museums of Art (OH)**

2012-14

**ARTFUL LIVING**

Teach music to underprivileged preschoolers as part of an integrated arts program (music, dance, and visual arts) in collaboration with the Canton City School District.

**Walsh University (OH)**

2013-14

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Coursework:**

Music and the Movies

**University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas**

2011-14

**PART-TIME FACULTY, MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Coursework:**

Music Appreciation

Private Conducting Lessons

### SCHOLARSHIP AND CONFERENCES

**College Orchestra Director's Association 2016 Conference Presenter**

Salt Lake City, UT (January 14-16, 2016)

**From Paper to Podium: Exploring the Gap between University Training and Professional Experience in Orchestral Conductors**

D.M.A. Dissertation, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2015)

**Changing Lives: An Orchestral Approach to Education**

Bringing Theory to Practice Grant, Association of American Colleges and Universities (2012-14)

**Living Instruments/Dead Instruments: How Transformational Performance Changed Our Lives (An Autoethnography)**

Abstract published on the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Blog (2012)

**Beethoven and Mahler's Op. 95: Roots of Modernism and the Paradoxical Nature of Intellectual Music within the Rise of Interpretive Conducting**

M.M. Dissertation, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff (2011)

**Finale as Process: A Reinvestigation into the *Eroica's* Final Movement**

Northern Arizona University Interdisciplinary Conference (January 29, 2010)

## **HONORS AND REFERENCES**

### **GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

**New Horizons Chamber Orchestra Workshop Grant**

ACMP Foundation (The Associated Chamber Music Players), New York, NY (2015)

**Youth Orchestra of the Year**

Classics Alive Foundation, Los Angeles, CA (2015)

**Twenty Under 40! Award**

*The Canton Repository* and YStark!, OH (2015)

**Graduate Studies Access Grant**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2011-15)

**Patricia J. Sastuanik Scholarship**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2013-14)

**Graduate College Summer Scholarship**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Summer 2013)

**Merit Scholarship**

The Conductor's Institute at Bard College Conservatory, NY (Summer 2010)

**Emeriti Association Scholarship**

University of Hartford, CT (2007 and 2008)

**Academic Scholarship**

SBM Charitable Foundation, CT (2007 and 2008)

**Presidential Scholarship**

The University of Connecticut, Storrs (2005-06)

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**