

Austin Chanu Conducting Fellow

2022–23 Season



Austin Chanu is a conductor, composer, and woodwind performer from Los Angeles, California. With the 2022–23 season he begins his role as conducting fellow of The Philadelphia Orchestra, where he will assist Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin, as well as other guest conductors, and lead The Philadelphia Orchestra in select concerts. In March 2022 he made his debut as a guest conductor and guest assistant with the Omaha Symphony.

Mr. Chanu is currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts in orchestral conducting at the Eastman School of Music, studying with Neil Varon, and serves as assistant conductor of Eastman's Philharmonia and Symphony Orchestra, and president of Eastman's student-run contemporary ensemble OSSIA New Music.

Mr. Chanu has guest assisted for the Rochester Philharmonic and was music director for the Los Angeles Music and Art School, where he conducted the youth orchestra, choirs, and jazz band while overseeing the development of curriculum and artistic direction of the ensembles. He also led the LA Chamber Orchestra's New Music Salon, served as a teaching artist and conductor for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association's Associate Composer Program, and was a woodwind performer for pit orchestras in the greater LA area.

Mr. Chanu received a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition from the USC Thornton School of Music in 2015, graduating magna cum laude. While at USC, he received the Most Valuable Player Award as a conductor and proponent of new music. He graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting, studying with Mr. Varon, in May 2021.

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