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RECENT POSITIONS

American Gothic Performing Arts Festival

Guest Conductor / 2026

Will conduct an orchestral program of works by Copland, Grant Still, Barber, Schwantner, and Bernstein.

Opera in the Heights

Guest Conductor / 2026

Conducted all three performances of OH's mainstage opera, *Don Pasquale*.

Houston Women's Chamber Orchestra

Guest Conductor / 2026

Conducted and chose repertoire for HWCO's annual concert featuring women composers.

Mercury Chamber Orchestra

Assistant Conductor / 2025-Present

Assists the music director for a classical series of eight orchestral concerts as well as *Bastien et Bastienne*.

Montrose Project

Founder/Executive Director / 2022-Present

Produces and fundraises for performances and recordings of arias by women composers.

Moore's Opera Center, University of Houston

Assistant Conductor & Chorusmaster / 2022-2025

Conducted staging rehearsals and led the chorus for 8 fully-staged operas. Conducted a performance of *Suor Angelica* with full orchestra. Coached principals as needed.

Houston Grand Opera, Community & Learning

Music Director, Art of Opera / 2022-2024

Directed HGO's Art of Opera, a summer high school opera camp. Partnered with the stage director in major casting decisions. Conducted a world premiere of Mark Buller's *The Impresario of Oz*.

The Dallas Opera

Music Preparation Staff / 2021-2022

Played for mainstage rehearsals for *Madama Butterfly*, *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, the Dallas Opera Hart Institute for Women Conductors, Dallas Opera National Vocal Competition, and a world premiere recording of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*.

Minnesota Opera

Resident Artist Pianist/Coach / 2018-2020

Played for mainstage rehearsals for nine operas, including two world premieres. Played for outreach and donor events as needed. Coached principals and fellow resident artists as needed.

CONDUCTING EDUCATION

Conducting Workshop Participant / 2021-2023

Vincerò Academy (Mexico), Cairo Symphony Orchestra, (Egypt), Sasha Mäkilä Conducting Masterclass (Finland), International Conducting Masterclass (Czech Republic), International Conducting Workshop and Festival (Ukraine), Vienna Opera Academy for Conductors (Austria).

ADMINISTRATIVE EDUCATION

Rice University's Leadership Institute for Nonprofit Executives (LINE)

Certificate Recipient / 2024-2025

Intro to board governance, financial management, marketing, and fundraising.