

## **HASKINS SHORT BIO (2023)**

Named the 6th Music Director of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra, American conductor **Ryan Haskins** is internationally recognized for his creative and charismatic approach to concert presentation.

Haskins has been featured in many of the world's leading music festivals. Among these are the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival (Cleveland, OH); the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music (Santa Cruz, CA); the International Conducting Workshop (Czech Republic); the Orkney Conducting Course, St. Magnus Festival (Scotland); and the Second International Polish Music Festival (Poland).

Additionally, he has performed with such ensembles as the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the National Chorus of Wales, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, Santa Fe Opera Company and Orchestra, the Florida Orchestra, the St. Magnus Festival Chorus, the Kreisler Ensemble, the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Symphony Orchestra, the Manhattan School of Music Symphony Orchestra, and the Peabody Symphony and Opera Orchestra. Haskins has served as Assistant Conductor for the Muncie Symphony Orchestra (Ind.), Assistant Conductor to the Peabody Symphony Orchestra, Peabody Opera Orchestra, and Cover Conductor for Marin Alsop and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Haskins is passionate about inspiring young musicians and has been internationally recognized for his enthusiasm and drive in promoting young American composers. He most recently joined forces with composer Clint Needham and the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra in developing a program that focuses on the development and education of young American composers. Haskins annually holds workshops focused on developing the aspiring orchestral player and is in demand for his creative and energetic approach to music education. An advocate for new exploratory ways of performance, he has been deemed an innovator of creative and unique concert programs.

Haskins has collaborated with some of today's greatest performing artists, including Mason Bates, Joshua Bell, Sasha Cooke, Sarah Chang, Leon Fleisher, Sir James and Lady Galway, Dame Evelyn Glennie, Lynn Harrell, Edgar Meyer, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Tiempo Libre, Gil Shaham, and Bryn Terfel to name a few. Haskins has also worked with celebrated conductors such as Pierre Boulez, Sir Colin Davis, Tadaaki Otaka, Krzysztof Penderecki, and Jac van Steen.

Haskins held an orchestral conducting assistantship at the Peabody Conservatory and the position of Assistant Conductor to the Peabody Opera Department. He received intensive training under the world-renowned teacher Gustav Meier alongside Maestra Marin Alsop and Markand Thakar. He holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music (Baltimore, MD), the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (Cardiff, Wales), and the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music (Cleveland, OH) under the tutelage of Dwight Oltman.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Ryan Haskins resides in Toronto, Canada.

For booking information, please contact Diane Saldick, LLC