

Matthew Jenkins Jaroszewicz has been with the Canton Symphony Orchestra since 2017. He currently serves as the William P. Blair III Associate Conductor, as well as Music Director of the Canton Youth Symphonies program. He was humbled and honored to be named Music Director Designate of the orchestra this summer. Recent highlights with the Canton Symphony include Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music* featuring the Canton Symphony Chorus, Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, and Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman No. 1*. He led the Canton Youth Symphony Advanced Orchestra in a performance of Sibelius' 1st Symphony and Still's *Threnody in Memory of Jean Sibelius* at this year's Ohio Music Education Association State Conference in Cleveland, where CYSAO was one of two high school full orchestras in the state invited to perform. He looks forward to leading a Masterworks program of music from or inspired by the Spanish-speaking world with the Canton Symphony this coming March, featuring live photo choreography from Westwater Arts.

He made his Severance Hall debut with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra in November of 2021 with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra, and his Carnegie Hall debut in July 2018, conducting works by Fauré and Zach Gulaboff Davis at Weill Recital Hall. In 2019, he conducted the world premiere of *Our Voices: Democracy Revisited* by legendary jazz trumpeter and Oscar-nominated film composer Terence Blanchard. He was Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Apotheosis Opera in New York City, where he conducted fully-staged productions of works by Wagner, Puccini, and Strauss.

Matthew holds degrees from Brown University and Mannes College of Music, where he studied under David Hayes. He served as a Julius Rudel Conducting Fellow with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, where he received mentorship from Music Director JoAnn Falletta. He is a native of Cincinnati, where he attended The School for Creative and Performing Arts before graduating from Walnut Hills High School. He swam competitively for the Cincinnati Aquatic Club and continues to train and compete through U.S. Masters Swimming as a member of O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club. He is an active member of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, where he sings in the choir, serves as a co-chair of the church's LGBTQ+ Ministry, and a member of the Congregational Life Mission Team. He is also an avid skier, cyclist, triathlete, hiker, and devoted baseball and football fan. He lives in Cleveland with his fiancé, Andrew.