

Eckart Preu, Conductor

Curriculum Vitae

Present Positions

Music Director Long Beach Symphony (since 2017)
Music Director Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra (since 2017)
Music Director Portland Symphony (since 2019)

Previous Positions

Music Director Orchestre International de Paris (France) (1993-1995)
Music Director Norwalk Youth Symphony (1998-2001)
Resident Conductor American Russian Young Artists Orchestra (1999-2004)
Visiting Assistant Professor Bard College (1999-2001)
Principal Conductor New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra (1999-2001)
Resident Conductor American Symphony Orchestra (1997-2004)
Associate Conductor Richmond Symphony (2001-2004)
Music Director Stamford Symphony (2005-2017)
Music Director Spokane Symphony (2004-2019)

Guest Conducting

Jerusalem Symphony (Israel)
Symphony Orchestra of Chile
Auckland Philharmonia (New Zealand)
Orquesta Filarmonica de Jalisco (Mexico)
Christchurch Symphony (New Zealand)
Symphony Orchestra of Tenerife (Spain)
Radio Philharmonic of Slovenia
Jenaer Philharmonie (Germany)
State Orchestra Halle (Germany)
Orquesta Filarmonica de Bogota (Columbia)
Beersheva Sinfonietta (Israel)

Memphis Symphony Orchestra
Delaware Symphony
Duluth Superior Symphony
Fairfax Symphony
Eugene Symphony
Knoxville Symphony
Wichita Symphony
Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra

Innovative Concert Formats

Symphony On The Edge (Spokane), a casual series at Big Easy band venue
Symphony With A Splash (Spokane), a concert series at the Fox Theater
Best Fest (Spokane), a summer concert series at the Fox Theater
Casual Classics (Spokane)
Summer Series (Spokane) at Arborcrest Winery, a summer concert series
Peter And The Wolf – Remix (Spokane) with local bands, actors, dance company, Indy artists, computer artists
Carnival Of The Animals – Remix (Cincinnati) in collaboration with TV and local actors, bands, dancer, and artists

Collaborations

Concerts on the reservation of Spokane Indians at Wellpinit (the first American orchestra to do so)
We Are One - a collaboration with the local community (Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra)
Khmeraspora - a collaboration with Cambodian artists – traditional, contemporary, rapper, dancers (Long Beach)
Violins of Hope – a collaboration with the Jewish community (Long Beach, Portland)
Little Amahl (Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra)
Spokane Opera (productions of La Boheme, Carmen, La Traviata)
Terrain – an artist collaborative in Spokane
Cincinnati: Shakespeare Theater, Revolution Dance, MadCap Puppet Theater, Cincinnati Art Museum and more
Portland: Meca, UFM, Opera Maine, ChoralArt and more

Awards

1994-1995 Scholarship of the French Ministry of Culture
1992-1995 Scholarship of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation
1992 Scholarship of the Herbert von Karajan Foundation
1996 Winner of the National Conducting Competition of the DAAD
2007 Communicator of the Year award from the Public Relations Society of America -Spokane Chapter
2014 First Place ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming
2022 American Prize for Orchestral Programming

World and State Premieres

Michael-Thomas Foumai: "The Telling Rooms" (Portland Symphony Orchestra, World Premiere)
Harry Stafylakis: Arc of Horizon (Spokane Symphony, West Coast Premiere)
Harry Stafylakis: Brittle Fracture (Spokane Symphony, West Coast Premiere)
Michael Daugherty: Letter from Lincoln (Thomas Hampson, Spokane Symphony, World Premiere)
William Thomas McKinley: Clarinet Concerto no. 4 (Richard Stoltzman, Stamford Symphony, World Premiere)
Roger Davidson: "Prayer for Peace" (Stamford Symphony, World Premiere)
Joan Tower: "Made in America" (Stamford Symphony, Connecticut Premiere)
Leigh Baxter: "Lewis and Clark" (Richmond Symphony, World Premiere)
Enrico Chapela: Rotor (Portland Symphony, US Premiere)
Zhou Tian: Flute concerto (OH and ME premieres)
Tomasz Golinski: Percussion concerto (Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, World Premiere)
Zivkovich: Mad Queen (US Premiere)
And more

Education

Museum and Nature Center, Stamford (very young children)
MusiKids program, Stamford (introduces 150 children to the music prior to a Classics concert)
Continuing Education program at retirement centers (Stamford)
Youth Orchestras of all levels (Norwalk, Richmond, Spokane, Long Beach)
Education concerts for elementary, middle, and high schools (Spokane, Portland, Richmond, Long Beach)
Leadership Program for community and corporate executives (Spokane)
At-risk youth interactive presentation with orchestra (collaboration with YMCA Spokane)
El Sistema-based program in Spokane
Education concerts with youth choirs and youth orchestras (Long Beach)

