



Austin Chanu is a conductor, composer, and woodwind performer from Northern California. Austin was recently announced as a Conducting Fellow of The Philadelphia Orchestra and will begin this role in September 2022, where he will assist Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin, as well as other guest conductors, and lead The Philadelphia Orchestra in select concerts.

Currently, he serves as the Assistant Conductor of the Eastman Philharmonia and Eastman School Symphony Orchestra where he is pursuing his DMA in orchestral conducting. Austin is also the President of Eastman's student-run contemporary ensemble, OSSIA New Music, for the 2021-2022 season.

Previously, he has guest assisted for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and was the Music Director for the Los Angeles Music and Art School. During his tenure at LAMusArt, Austin conducted the youth orchestra, choirs, and jazz band, while overseeing the development of curriculum and artistic direction of the ensembles. During this time, Austin also served as a teaching artist and conductor for the LA Philharmonic Association's *Associate Composer Program* and was a high-call woodwind performer for musical pit orchestras in the greater Los Angeles area.

Austin received a B.M. in Music Composition from the USC Thornton School of Music in 2015, graduating Magna cum Laude, and an M.M. in Orchestral Conducting from the Eastman School of Music in May of 2021.