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BIOGRAPHY - SHORT

An advocate for the music of our time, Colombian-born conductor Sebastian Serrano-Ayala blends inclusive collaboration, and effortless conducting technique with fresh and timely musical interpretations. Currently serving as Assistant Conductor with <u>Skagit Symphony</u> and Saratoga Orchestra, he has been a Conducting Fellow at the <u>Allentown Symphony Orchestra</u>, <u>Mostly</u> <u>Modern Festival</u> and the <u>American Modern Ensemble</u>.

Recent engagements have included <u>Yakima Symphony</u>, Whatcom Wind Ensemble, and the SJMEA Honor Orchestra. Past highlights include working with <u>Symphony Tacoma</u>, <u>Royal Military</u> <u>Chapel</u> "Johan Willem Friso" and <u>The United States Army Band</u> "Pershing's Own".

Sebastian was a semi-finalist at the prestigious <u>World Music Contest (WMC) - Conductor's</u> <u>Competition</u> conducting the <u>Marinierskapel der Koninklijke Marine</u>, the <u>Blazerensemble</u> <u>Helicon</u>, and the <u>Royal Symphonic Band of the Belgian Air Force</u>. He was also a finalist at the 2021 International Conducting Competition hosted by <u>Denver Philharmonic</u>.

Serrano-Ayala holds a DMA in Wind - Orchestral Conducting from the <u>University of Cincinnati</u> <u>College-Conservatory of Music (</u>CCM), a MM in Conducting from <u>Andrews University</u>, and music education degrees from the Adventist University of Colombia (UNAC) and the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP).