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JOSHUA ZONA

CONDUCTOR



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BIOGRAPHY

Throughout the country conductor Joshua Zona is gaining increasing recognition for his inspired performances, commitment to education and dedication to community involvement that are the hallmarks of a successful 21st-Century conductor. As Music Director of the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in Alexandria, Louisiana, Mr. Zona has led the orchestra to new heights of artistic excellence, audience involvement and organizational growth.

Under Mr. Zona's leadership, the Rapides Symphony has undertaken highly successful major projects that have brought the orchestra broad acclaim and national recognition while cultivating new audiences for the Symphony. The semi-annual Louisiana International Piano Competition and the world-premier of William Banfield's "Hope" Symphony as part of a community-wide "Talk to the Music" Festival celebrating Alexandria native writer Arna Bontemps are just two of the signature projects that have made the orchestra a true treasure in the community. Mr. Zona and the Rapides Symphony have also instituted new educational projects as well as youth and family programming, bringing a new generation of music lovers to the concert hall.

As Assistant Conductor of the Symphony of Southeast Texas from 1999-2003, Mr. Zona conducted exciting pops, family and award-winning educational concerts for thousands of children. Also enthusiastic about working with young musicians, he has conducted clinics and youth orchestras across Texas, Indiana, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Holding the title of Artist-in-Residence at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Mr. Zona has unlocked the door to classical music to hundreds of undergraduate students, sparking the next generation of music-lovers in the central Louisiana region.

Mr. Zona will make his international conducting debut in June 2006 with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic in a special concert with the winner of the 2005 Louisiana International Piano Competition. He has also been awarded a State of Louisiana Artist Grant for continued musical endeavors in Europe.

CURRICULUM VITAE

JOSHUA E. ZONA

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CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

RAPIDES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, ALEXANDRIA, LA

Music Director and Principal Conductor, 2004-present

- * Plan, oversee and conduct all artistic operations of the Symphony
- * Conductor for Final Round of the Louisiana International Piano Competition

SYMPHONY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Assistant Conductor, 1999-2003

- * Plan and Conduct Highly Successful Educational and "Side by Side" Concerts
- * Conduct Selected Pops, Holiday, and Master Series Rehearsals, Sectionals and Concerts
- * Active in Community and Educational Outreach

SOUTHEAST TEXAS YOUTH SYMPHONY

Music Director, 1999-2000

- * Dynamic Growth Including Establishment of Annual String Camp
- * Conducted All Rehearsals and Concerts of Youth Symphony
- * Oversaw All Aspects of Preparatory Orchestra and Youth Symphony

MUNCIE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Assistant Conductor, 1998-1999

- * Conduct Selected Rehearsals and Performances

ST. PETERSBURGH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (RUSSIA)

Guest Conducting Engagement, June 2006

- * Concert with winner of the Louisiana International Piano Competition

SYMPHONY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Guest Conductor, February 200, March 2006

RAPIDES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, ALEXANDRIA, LA

Guest Conductor, April 2003 & January 2004

TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL CONDUCTING

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY - ALEXANDRIA

Artist in Residence, 2004 -Present

- * Taught Undergraduate Music Courses

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Assistant Conductor, 2003-2004

- * Conducted Performances of the Symphony, Philharmonic, & Concert Orchestras

BALL STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Graduate Assistant Conductor, 1997-1999

- * Conduct Selected Rehearsals and Performances
- * Co-Taught Undergraduate Conducting Course

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Guest Conductor, December 1997 & May 1998

T.M.E.A. ALL-REGION X ORCHESTRA, HOUSTON, TX

Conductor/Clinician, 2003

BEAUMONT ALL-CITY ORCHESTRA
Conductor/Clinician, 2000, 2002

PREMIERS CONDUCTED

WILLIAM BANFIELD - SYMPHONY NO. 9, "HOPE"
October 2004

ALBERT BENNER – LOUISIANA SUNSHINE
April 2006

* One of several premier performances commissioned by the Louisiana Association of Symphony Orchestras

MARIE CHENEVERT – "GRANDE TERRE" OVERTURE
April 2006

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, D.M.A. in progress, 2003-Present

* Conducting Study with Leon Gregorian and Dr. Raphael Jimenez

* Graduate Assistant –Administration and Conducting Duties

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, M.M., May 1999

* Conducting Study with Leonard Atherton

* Graduate Assistant – Orchestra Administration, Undergraduate Conducting Instructor

* Elected Student Representative to Graduate Music Faculty Committee

COLLEGE-CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

* Graduate Study towards an M.M. in Horn Performance, 1992-1993

* Horn Study with Michael Hatfield and Steven Gross

* Graduate Music Scholarship Recipient

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, B.M.E., June 1992

* Graduated Cum Laude

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Assistant, 2003-2004

* Head Librarian and other Administrative Duties

SYMPHONY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Personnel Manager, 1999-2003

COLUMBUS (OH) SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Assistant Personnel/Production Manager, Summer 1999

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Assistant, 1997-1999

* Administrator and Personnel Manager for University Orchestra

ADDITIONAL CONDUCTING STUDY

AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE CONDUCTING WORKSHOP, 2000

* Masterclasses with Larry Rachleff and Neal Stulberg

SOUTH CAROLINA CONDUCTOR'S INSTITUTE AT SPOLETO, 1999

* Conducted Opera Scenes Performances at College of Charleston

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONDUCTOR'S INSTITUTE, 1998

* Conducting Fellow

HARTT CONDUCTOR'S INSTITUTE, 1993

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE - HORN

RAPIDES SYMPHONY BRASS QUINTET, 2004

MANSFIELD, OHIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 1991-1992

* Fourth Horn

SUBSTITUTE/EXTRA HORN

* Fort Wayne Philharmonic

* Anderson, In. Symphony Orchestra

* Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio

* Symphony of Southeast Texas

* Rapides Symphony Brass Quintet

MEDIA APPEARANCES

RED RIVER PUBLIC RADIO

* Interview, 2005

* Concert Broadcast, 2003 & 2005

KALB - TV, Alexandria, LA

* Regular Television Interviews, 2004-2005

CENLA FOCUS MAGAZINE

* Monthly Columnist

GULF COAST PUBLIC RADIO

* Radio Interviews and Concert Broadcasts, 1999-2003

* "Dugan on Classics" - Several Hour-Long Interview Programs, 1999-2003

KFDM - TV, Beaumont, TX

* Numerous Television Interviews, 1999-2003, 2005

KBTV- TV, Beaumont, TX

* Numerous Television Interviews, 1999-2003

KVHP - TV, Lake Charles, LA

* Television Interview, December 2002

PRESENTATIONS

PINEVILLE ROTARY, PINEVILLE, LA

* Guest Speaker, October 2004

KIWANIS CLUB, BEAUMONT, TX

* Guest Speaker, February 2002

MID-TOWN ROTARY, BEAUMONT, TX

* Guest Speaker, December 2001

BEAUMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - "LEADERSHIP BEAUMONT" WORKSHOP

* Guest Speaker, April 2000

INDIANA MUSIC EDUCATOR'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

* Co-Presenter/Conductor for Educational Repertoire Reading Sessions, 1998 &1999

PROFFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE

CONDUCTOR'S GUILD

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