

## BIO

Fernanda Lastra serves as the Assistant Conductor and Diversity Fellow for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under the mentorship of JoAnn Falletta. Born in Argentina, Fernanda is a passionate and creative conductor with a wide repertoire interest, including symphonic, contemporary, and operatic works.

Besides leading the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in several concerts in her role as Assistant Conductor, Fernanda has also led professional and youth orchestras in the United States, Argentina, and Brazil as a guest conductor. As a cover conductor, she has had the opportunity to work alongside esteemed conductors such as JoAnn Falletta, Giancarlo Guerrero, Maximiano Valdés, Gerard Schwarz, Mei-Ann Chen, Joseph Caballé-Domenech, and Michael Francis, among others.

Committed to featuring diverse voices in concert halls, Fernanda is dedicated to creating well-balanced and diverse programs that enhance the overall concert experience. She is passionate about community engagement and music education, as she firmly believes in the transformative power of music.

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