



Fabian Qamar is in his fifth season as Director of the Sheboygan Area Youth Symphony Sinfonia Orchestra. He also serves as Associate Director of Sacred Music at St. Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee.

Fabian received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Lakeland University in Sheboygan (formerly Lakeland College) and his Master of Music from UW-Madison. While at Lakeland, he studied viola with Dan Ognavic and conducting with Janet Herrick, Dr. Russell Pettitt and Lani Knutson. In addition, he completed independent studies in conducting with former Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Dr. Kevin McMahon. He has also served as a cover conductor and offstage conductor for Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concerts.

A multi-instrumentalist, Fabian plays piano, viola, guitar, and church organ, with additional experience in percussion and horn. He is also an established singer. Fabian is a devoted advocate of instrumental music in the sacred music world in particular, where he has established and fostered instrumental music programs in churches in Green Bay and Milwaukee. In demand as a musician throughout Wisconsin, he enjoys creating music as a composer, arranger, and improviser. His projects include playing and singing in the jazz trio Jive Safely, as well as preserving the music and legacy of his late father, jazz and world music luminary Nadi Qamar (aka Spaulding Givens).

Passionate about passing on musical knowledge and skills to others, Fabian teaches voice, strings, and piano privately. He has also taught as an adjunct instructor in the Lakeland University Music Department and has frequently appeared on the staff of the Annual Lakeland University Summer Music Camp.