

Paraguayan conductor Ernesto Estigarribia is highly regarded for his versatility and effervescent style on and off the podium. Hailed for his “expert direction” by Fanfare magazine, he was recently named Music Director of the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he is the Associate Conductor of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Music Director of the Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles and Director of Orchestras at Augustana College.

Ernesto has conducted the La Crosse Symphony, Dubuque Symphony, St. Cloud Symphony, Rochester Symphony, Orquesta de Cámara del Centro del Conocimiento (Argentina), Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional-Paraguay and is the most frequent guest conductor of the Orquesta Sinfónica del Congreso Nacional (Paraguay). In addition to symphonic performances, Ernesto has led numerous opera productions including Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, Mozart's *Idomeneo*, Britten's *Albert Herring*, and Zimmermann's *Weisse Rose*.

In addition to debut seasons in Sheboygan and Mankato, other highlights of the 22/23 season include guest appearances with the Minnesota Orchestra and Jake Heggie's opera *Two Remain* with the Quad City Symphony.

Ernesto holds degrees from Pittsburg State University (BM) and the University of Minnesota (MM and DMA) where he studied conducting with Mark Russell Smith. In his free time, he enjoys cooking vegan recipes with his wife Sabrina.