

# Kaleb Benda, conductor

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## Education

Oklahoma City University	Master of Music in Conducting <i>Graduated with Honors</i>	2018
University of North Texas	Bachelor of Music in Music Education <i>Studied abroad in Hungary</i>	2016

## Conducting Experience

Artistic Director & Conductor, Oklahoma Chamber Symphony	2019-current
Assistant Conductor, UCO Opera, <i>Così fan Tutte</i>	2019
Adjunct Band Director, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	2018-current
Assistant Conductor, Enid Symphony Orchestra	2018-current
Conductor, OK Strings	2018-current
Music Director, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church	2018-current
Graduate Conductor, Oklahoma City University Symphony Orchestra	2016-2018
Graduate Conductor, Oklahoma City University Wind Philharmonic	2016-2018
Associate Conductor, Oklahoma Youth Winds	2016-2018
Graduate Conductor, Oklahoma City University Chorale	2017
Assistant Conductor, Oklahoma Opera & Musical Theater Company, <i>Dark Sisters</i>	2017
Assistant Conductor, Oklahoma Opera & Musical Theatre Company, <i>Hairspray</i>	2016
Music Director & Conductor, TriFraternal Winds	2013-2015

## Guest Conducting Appearances

Medomak Symphony Orchestra	2017
Centennial Orchestra	2016
University of North Texas Wind Symphony	2015

## Music Festivals/Symposiums/Workshops

Conductors Retreat at Medomak (virtual)	2020
The Conducting Institute Webinars	2020
Danube International Conducting Masterclass and Competition	2018
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestral Conducting Workshop	2018
ICWF Beethoven Symphonies Pt. 1 (auditor)	2017
Conductors Retreat at Medomak	2017
Oklahoma City University Summer Conducting and Teaching Symposium	2016
University of North Texas Conductors Collegium	2015, 2014

## Teachers

Alexander Mickelthwate  
Jeffery Grogan  
Dr. Matthew Mailman  
Dr. Randi von Ellefson

## Masterclasses

David Itkin  
András Deák  
Kenneth Kiesler  
Miguel Harth-Bedoya

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## **Honors and Awards**

Finalist in the American Prize award in the discipline of Conducting	2016-2020
Oklahoma City University Graduate Student Talent Award	2016-2018
Studied Abroad in Hungary	2015
Semifinalist in the American Prize award in the discipline of Conducting	2020, 2015
Oklahoma State Superintendents Arts Excellence Award, Orchestra, Band	2012

## **Skills and Related Experience**

Collegiate Teaching Experience  
Privately Studied Conducting, Trumpet, Violin, and Piano  
Arts Management/Nonprofit Experience  
Composition/Arranging Experience  
Composer Collaborations  
    Nico Muhly  
    John Mackey

**Additional References, Repertoire Lists, and Recordings/Videos available upon request**