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Born in Mar del Plata, Argentina, Fernanda Lastra is a passionate and creative conductor recognized for her artistic leadership and captivating performances. Committed to nurturing music appreciation across all ages, Lastra is dedicated to craft well-balanced programs that enhance the concert experience, as she believes in the power of music to unite, heal, and develop emotional intelligence.

From September 2022 to August 2025, Fernanda Lastra held the position of Assistant Conductor for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, under the mentorship of JoAnn Falletta. In this role Lastra served as an assistant and cover conductor for the entire BPO season, as well as the principal conductor for the Family Kids series, Music for Youth concerts and community engagement performances. She also designed engaging and innovative concert programs as part of the BPO's artistic team, and actively contributed with the BPO's music education committee and Diversity Council, among other duties. In May 2025, Lastra made her **debut with the Buffalo Philharmonic** in the classic series featuring pianist Avery Gagliano.

As an assistant and cover conductor, Lastra had worked alongside esteemed conductors such as JoAnn Falletta, Edward Gardner, Giancarlo Guerrero, Maximiano Valdés, and Joseph Caballé-Domenech, among others. Today, Lastra regularly collaborates as a guest conductor with professional and youth orchestras. In March 2026, she will make her **first appearance** with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, followed by her **Mexico debut** with the Orquesta Sinfónica de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (OFUNAM) in Mexico City, and her **Chile debut** in June with the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Chile in Santiago. Recent U.S. engagements include collaborations with the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the South Bend Symphony Orchestra.

2024 CAREER ADVANCE
AWARD RECIPIENT

Women in Classical Music Symposium
Dallas Symphony Orchestra

PORTFOLIO Highlights



MENDELSSOHN
Symphony N.4, excerpts (9')

[Access video](#)

SAINT-SAENS
Piano Concerto No.5 "Egyptian," mov. I (11')

[Access video](#)



STRAUSS. J. II
Die Fledermaus Overture, excerpt (5')

[Access video](#)

NEW MUSIC

WILLIAMS, Amy
"Flood Lines" (6')

[Access video](#)



ENGAGEMENTS

UPCOMING

March 7/8 | **Tucson Symphony Orchestra**
Guest Conductor



March 21/22 | **OFUNAM, Mexico**
Guest Conductor

March 28 | **Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra**
Guest Conductor

June 12/13 | **Chile National Orchestra**
Guest conductor



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Feb 1 | **Portland Symphony Orchestra (ME)**
Guest Conductor

Jan 11 | **South Bend Symphony**
Guest Conductor

Dec 6 | **Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus & Orchestra**
Guest Conductor - Messiah



Nov 13 | **Toledo Symphony**
Guest Conductor



SAMPLE PROGRAMS

CLASSIC

“From River to River: Symphonic Streams”

ELLINGTON, Giggling Rapids (from “The River”) orch. by Ron Collier (4’)

SMETANA, Má Vlast, No. 2. Vltava (The Moldau) (12’)

RIPPER, Rio São Francisco, Imagem Sinfônica (9’)

Intermission

SCHUMANN, Symphony No.3, op. 97, “Rhenish”

“Celebrating the Americas”

FRANK, Apu, Tone Poem (13’)

FREIBERG, Latin American Chronicles, clarinet concerto (20’)

Intermission

DVOŘÁK, Symphony No.9 “From the New World” (50’)

FAMILY

“Stories, Tales and Adventures”

OFFENBACH, Orpheus in the Underworld - Galop (2’)

TCHAIKOVSKY, Sleepy Beauty Suite, Waltz (5’)

KAHLER, Elyse, Lullaby for Orchestra (3’)

GRIEG, Suite No. 1, Op. 46, In the Hall of the Mountain King (4’)

MOZART, The Marriage of Figaro Overture (4’)

SCHIFFRIN, Mission Impossible Theme (Custer arr.) (3’)

LOPEZ-KROGSTAD, Music from Frozen (7’)

ROSSINI, William Tell Overture. Finale (2’)

SPECIAL

Hispanic Heritage Month

(Spain) **DE FALLA**, La Vida Breve: Spanish Dance No. 1 (arr Chapelier) (4’)

(Cuba) **WHITE**, La Bella Cubana (strings) (4’)

(Colombia) **MEJIA**, Aquarela for orchestra (3’)

(Venezuela) **ROMERO**, Fuga con Pajarillo (7’)

(Argentina) **GARDELIN**, (Argentina) “Furtivo” (tango) (4’)

(Peru) **GRANDA**, La Flor de la Canela (3’)

(Mexico) **MARQUEZ**, Danzon No.2 (9’)

(Puerto Rico) **HERNANDEZ**, El Cumbanchero (4’)

EXPERIENCE

Concerts created and/or conducted at the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

2022 - 23

Hispanic Heritage Month Concert
Music for Youth, 1-4 Grade, "Musical Passport" – 10-15 concerts
Music for Youth, 5-8 Grade, "Our Musical Heritage" – 10-15 concerts
Kids series: "Symphonic Spooktacular"
Kids series: "Jingle Bell Jam"
Holiday Pops concert
"Buffalo West Side Connection" Concert
Kids series: "Wild Symphony" by Dan Brown
Side by Side with the Buffalo Academy for Performing Arts
"June in Buffalo" New Music Festival concert
Summer season: 7 outdoor concerts

2023 - 24

BPO Pops series: Aida Cuevas
Music for Youth, 1-4 Grade, "The orchestra's secret formula" – 10-15 concerts
Music for Youth, 5-8 Grade, "What inspires a composer?" – 10-15 concerts
Kids series: "Symphonic Spooktacular"
Pops series: Neil Diamond by Jay White
Kids series: "Jingle Bell Jam"
"Buffalo West Side Connection" Concert
Kids series: "Kids sing"
Side by Side with Great Buffalo Youth Orchestra
Side by side with Buffalo Academy for Performing Arts
BPO special: "Symphony of Illusions" with Michael Grandinetti
"June in Buffalo" New Music Festival concert
Summer season: 7 outdoor concerts

2024 - 25

Music for Youth, 1-4 Grade, "Low bridge, everybody down" – 10-15 concerts
Music for Youth, 5-8 Grade, "Erie Canal 200 anniversary" – 10-15 concerts
Kids series: "Symphonic Spooktacular"
Kids series: "Jingle Bell Jam"
BPO special: "Troup Vertigo"
Side by Side with Great Buffalo Youth Orchestra
Side by side with Buffalo Academy for Performing Arts
"Buffalo West Side Connection" Concert
Kids series: "Carnival of the Animals"
Classics series: "Mendelssohn's Italian"
Summer season: 9 outdoor concerts

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